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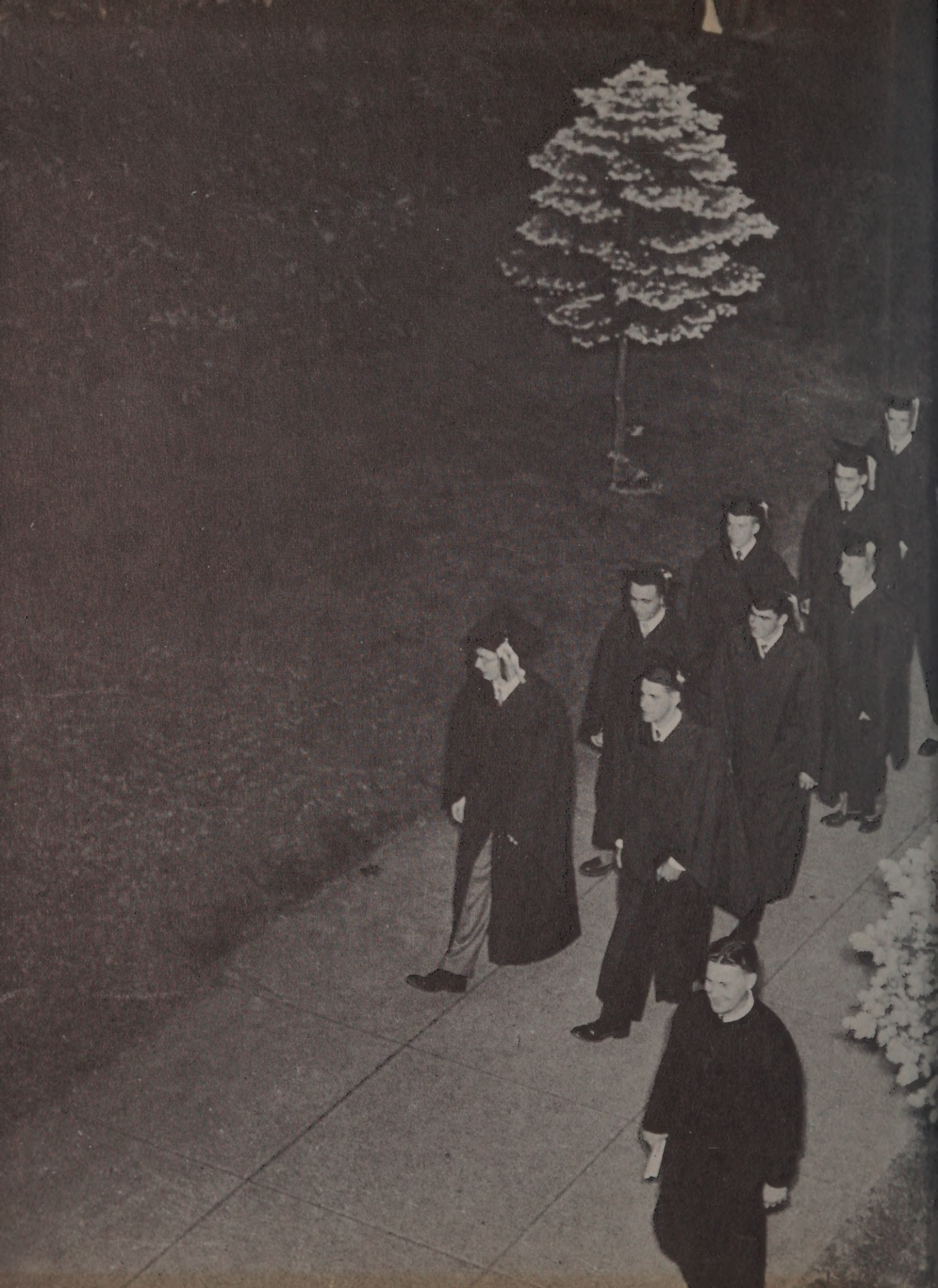

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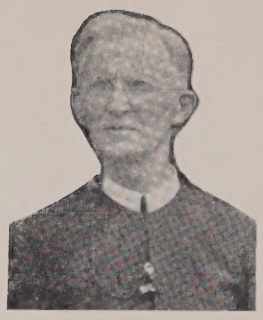

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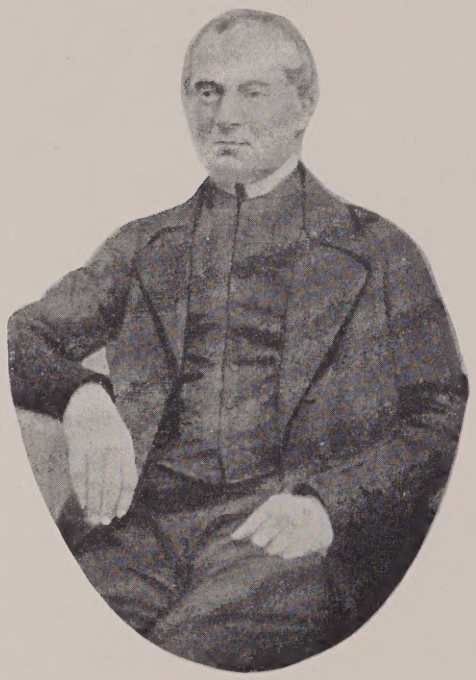

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Fourth Superior
Died June 19, 1930

The Reverend Brother Carl, C.F.X.
Eighth Superior

We, the members of the Golden Jubilee Class of St. John's High School, do hereby dedicate the 1954 issue of our Yearbook, THE PIONEER, to those men who have been the PIONEERS in the instruction of Christian youth during the first century of the Xaverian Brothers history in America.

The value of the intellectual and moral training that the successors of these hardy pioneers have imparted to us will be cherished throughout our lives as a priceless gift.

Rev. John A. Donahue, an alumnus of the Class of 1916, is pastor of St. John's for the Jubilee Year.

Foreword

We, the Class of 1954, present this tenth PIONEER as a memento of the four years which we have spent at St. John's. It is the link that will ever bind the class to its Alma Mater and the chain that will always keep its members close together through many a year as it calls to mind happy memories of days gone by, the days wherein we had not a worry or a care- the Golden Days of Youth.

Golden days in the sunshine of our happy youth,
Golden days full of innocence and full of truth,
In our hearts we'll remember them all else above,
Golden days, days of youth and love.
How we laugh with a gaiety that has no sting.
Looking back through memory's haze,
We will know life has nothing sweeter than its spring-
Time. Golden days when we're young. Golden days!
(Student Prince)

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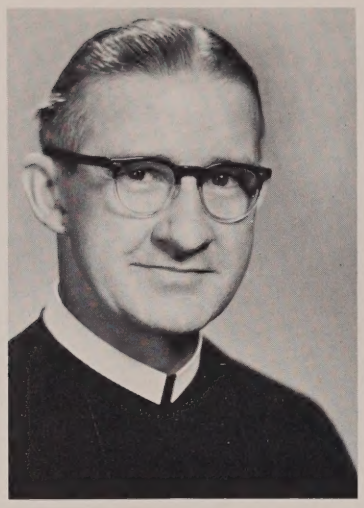

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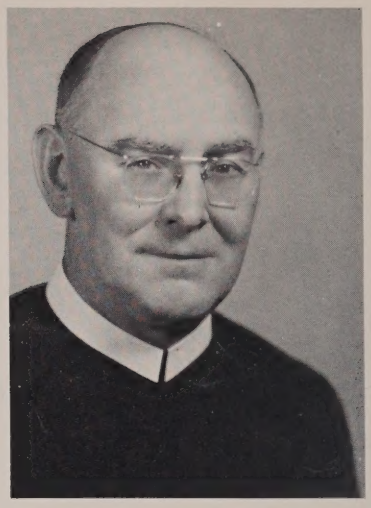

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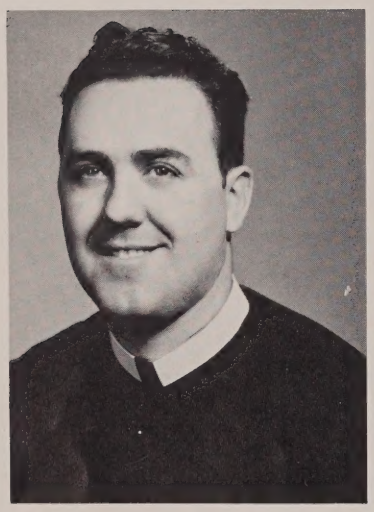

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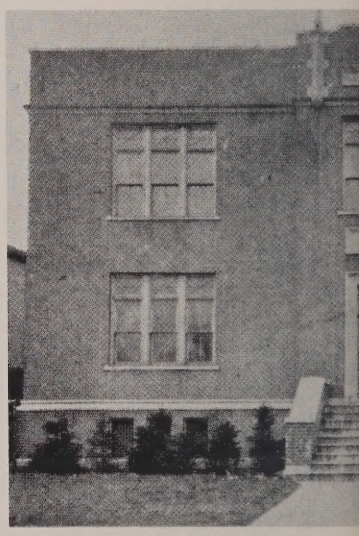

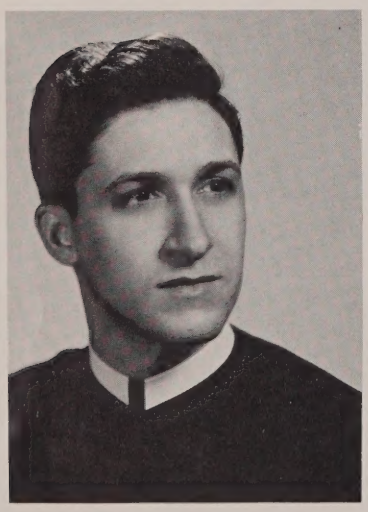

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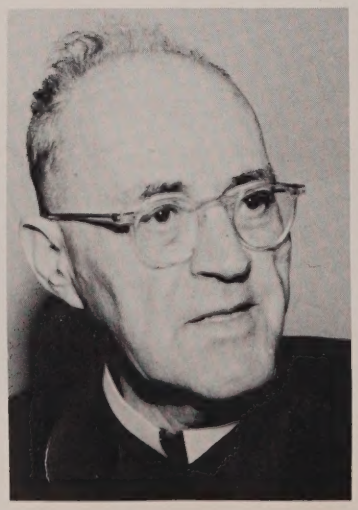

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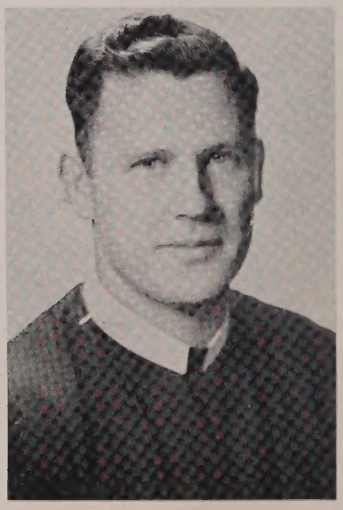

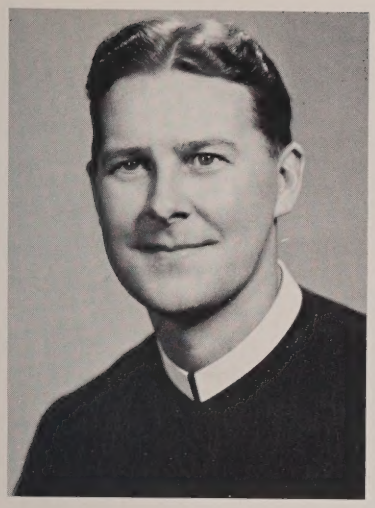

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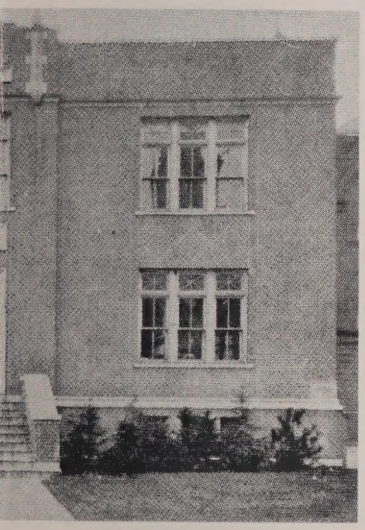

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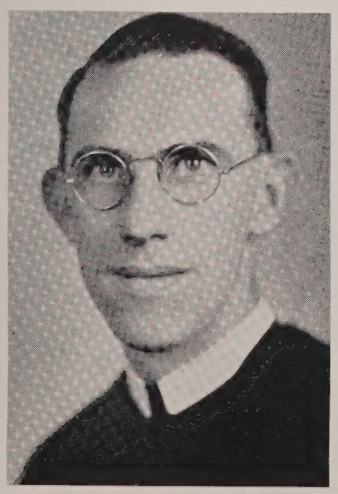
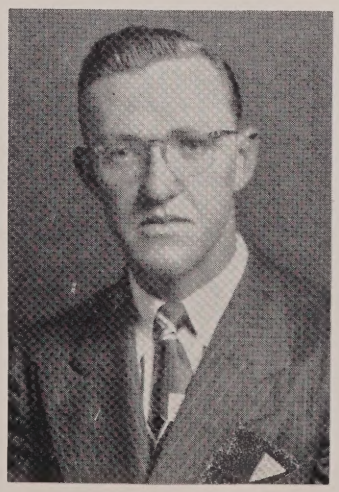
ROBERT DEVLIN, Coach





BROTHER ANDREW JOSEPH
Now at White Plains, N. Y.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Elias

We the Class of 1954 deeply regret the passing of Brother Elias during our senior year. He had been head of the English department for the past twelve years.

May His Soul Rest In Peace.

GRADUATES

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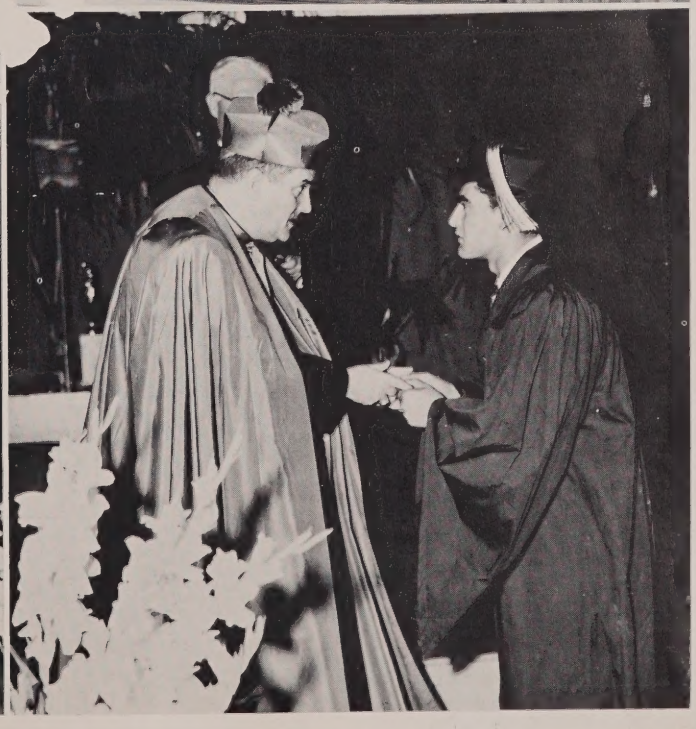


SENIORS

DONALD AKERSON
Don is a member of the All-City basketball and baseball team. He is a better than average student and hopes to continue his good work in college in the fall. He is the only member of the Senior Class that has been on the Legion team for three years.

ROY BEATRICE
Roy is one of the best dressed and quietest boys of the class. He is noted for his ability with the brush and a lover of hot rods. Roy plans to further his education at an aeronautical school.

JAMES ARSENEAULT
Jim is a representative from our friends of St. Peter's parish. He played football for three years and was a member of the intramural basketball championship team for two years.

THOMAS BARRY
Tom is the top salesman in the school as he led in the subscription drive for four years. He plays parish league basketball and works at Hasting's Leather after school.

JOHN BELANGER
John started with us in our freshmen year but left for North High. He returned to S. J. in our junior year and has been an active member of the class. He joined the varsity basketball team in his senior year.

SENIORS

RICHARD BELANGER

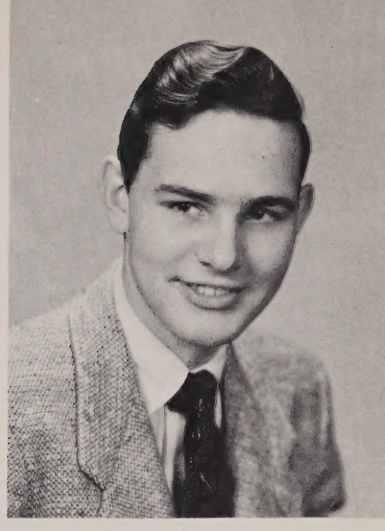
Dick has had the honor of playing on St. John's first hockey team and tried his skill at intramural basketball. Much of his spare time is spent on hot rods with cool pipes or hunting. Sometime after graduation Dick plans to enter the service.

BERNARD BRAULT

Bern was Chairman of the Declamation Contest and also worked on the Yearbook. His chief forte seems to be pairing off couples for various dances and parties and a good number of his classmates must thank him for his work.

ALFRED CHENE

Al, who hails from Notre Dame parish, came to S. J. as a freshman in Bro. Alfred's 1A. A familiar sight around "the campus" last year was Al's bright orange-colored "Chevvy". He plans to go into business with his father after graduation.

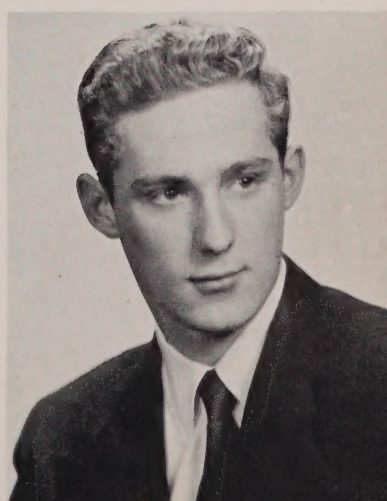


RICHARD COCKING

This Greendale lad works in an appliance shop after school but he manages to save some of his time for work on the Yearbook and the Senior Play. Dick played intramural basketball and Parish basketball.

FRANCIS CONERY

Frank came to us from Blessed Sacrament Parish and was on the honor roll his first two years. He was on the Prom Committee and the C. S. M. C. He hopes to further his education at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.



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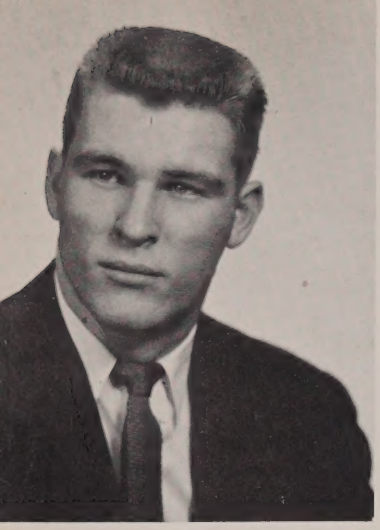


FRANCIS CORSAC

Franny made the grade both as a student and an athlete. He won the coveted Lincoln Stoddard award for being the best football player in the city.

HUGH CRAWFORD

Hugh is one of the old timers at St. John's as he is now finishing his twelfth year at the school. His pleasing and good natured disposition has been the reason for his popularity for so long a time. Hugh hopes to enter business after graduation.

JOHN DANIELS

From Blessed Sacrament parish on the West side we have John Daniels. John had a part in the Senior Class Play, "Ten Little Indians". He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps in the pharmacy profession.

L. PAUL DANILOWICZ

Paul is Vice-prexy of Class 4 A and an honor student. He has been on the football team for the last three years. His friendly manner has made him one of the most popular seniors. He plans to enter H. C. this fall.

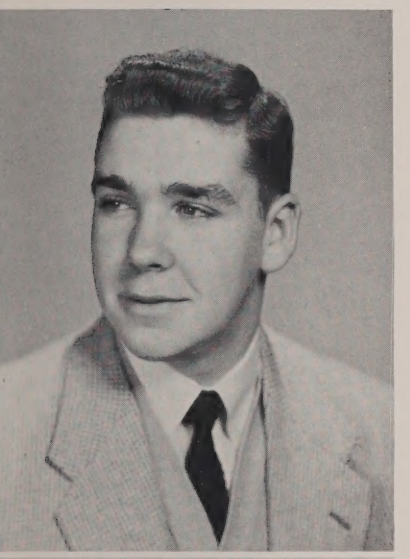
CORNELIUS DOHERTY

Connie is one of the quiet, modest fellows around the school. This sincere fellow is well liked by everyone in the institution. He won this popularity as an athlete and a gentleman. He has been a member of the football team for two years.

SENIORS

JOHN DONAHUE

"Jack" comes from South Worcester and Sacred Heart Parish. He played football his first three years as a tackle. He is on the Yearbook Staff. Jack is also a member of the Mass. National Guard, Co. B, 181st Infantry.

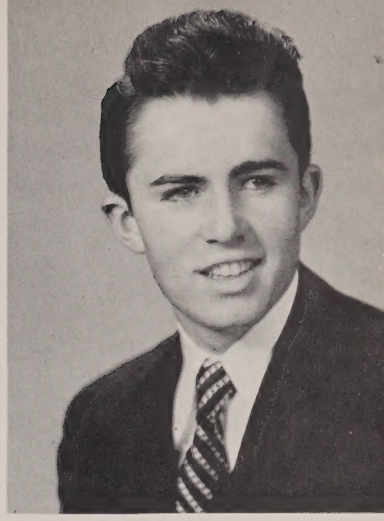


RICHARD DOYLE

One of Shrewsbury's contributions to S. J. is "Dick Doyle. His parish is St. Mary's. Dick was a guard on the football team his last three years. He barely noses out Joe Savage and Harry Taylor in being the heaviest boy in 4 A. Dick is co-chairman of the Religious Activities Club.

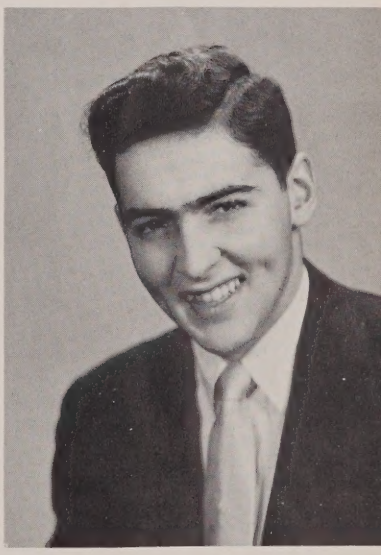
GERALD DOWD

Jerry is one of our county boys hailing from Shrewsbury. He was a valuable asset to the football squad during his final year. Jerry is continuing his education in the fall at St. Anselm's.



ROBERT DROLET

Bob is another loyal member from the Tatnuck clan and is a resident within the limits of Christ the King Parish. An avid hot rod fan, Bob, also known as "Poop" among the Pioneer brethren, is often seen driving the results of his mechanical skill throughout the City streets.



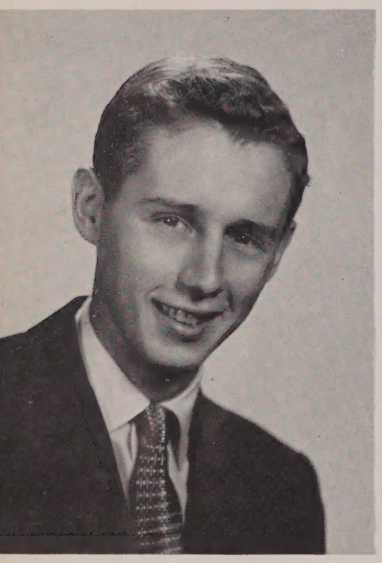
REMI DUBUQUE

Remi hails from St. Joseph's on Grafton Hill. He was on the school paper for three years, being Co-Editor in his senior year. Remi also played important roles in the school play the past two years. He is one of the best workers that made this book possible.

SENIORS

JOHN DUMPHY

John is the silent, well liked lad of the class. He can be seen after school at Kennedy's Men Shop. He hails from Newton Square area, plays parish league basketball and was also a member of the varsity football and baseball team.



ROLAND DUPREY

"Skip" hails from the Main South area and is known by his flashy car. Skip is one of the better golfers at S. J. and has been a member of the varsity basketball team for two years.

JOHN DURKIN

Jack is a product of N. Brookfield and a good representative indeed. His long-drawl type speaking is popular around school. He played outfield on the baseball team and was a member of the varsity football squad.

RICHARD ESPER

Esper comes from the Grafton Street section of the City and has been a credit to S. J. ever since his freshman days as a gentlemen and an athlete. He was a member of the varsity baseball team and one of the class artists.

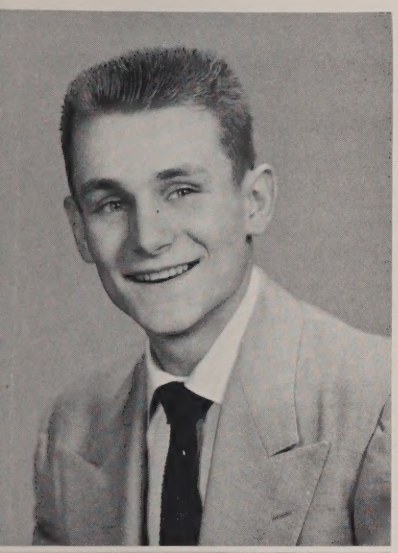
JOHN FAHEY

This very serious student from Framingham joined us in September. He is a consistent member of the honor roll. He had a very definite aversion to being summoned to the Principal's office.

SENIORS

JAMES "CHICO" FALVEY

"Chico" hails from the Vernon Hill section. He entered St. John's as a Frost. He was on the football team this year. He planned to join the Marines right after graduation. Success, Jim, in your new life.

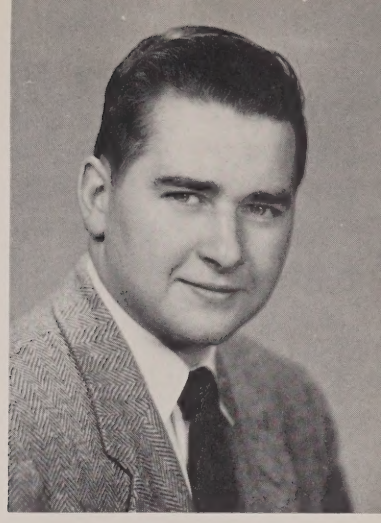


FRANK FOLEY

At 6' 7" Frank is the tallest member of the class. An honor student for four years, Frank is also co-captain of the basketball team, co-editor of the Red and White, on the Yearbook Staff and on the Senior Play Committee.

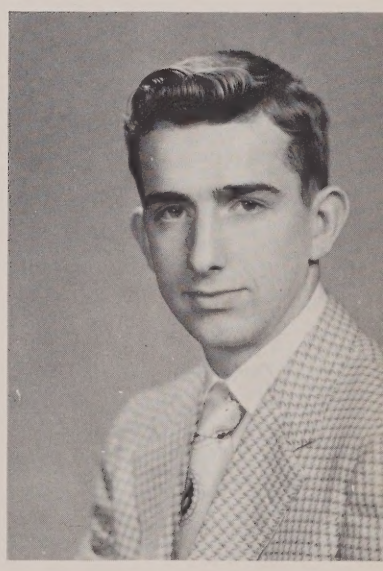
JOHN FINNEGAN

John is a four year man from Immaculate. He was co-captain of the football team after serving as first line guard for two years. He, with his assistant Dennis, was an important factor in the improvement of the school yard.



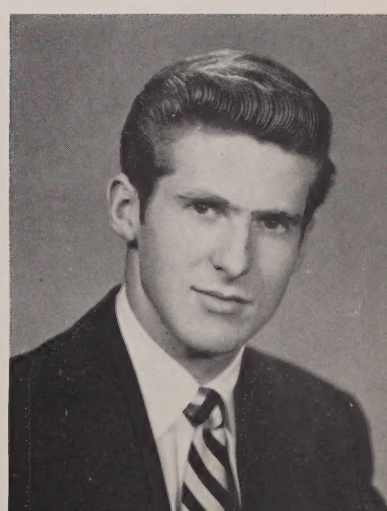
DENNIS FLYNN

Dennis entered S.J. in his freshman year. He was on the football team for three years being co-captain this year. He received the Alumni award as the graduate with the most spirit. He plans to enter Mass. U. this fall.



PAUL FLYNN

Paul hails from the Greendale end of town. He was a member of last year's golf team. Although he did not take part in other sports at S.J., he was a valuable member of the Holy Rosary basketball team which won the Parish League crown.



SENIORS

JOHN FORTIN

John came to us from St. Bernard's parish. He is a four year man at S. J. His earlier education was received at St. Joseph's in Worcester. After graduation John's plans are to enter the Air Force.

EDWARD FRIEL

Ed, who is from Our Lady of the Rosary, came to S. J. in the second half of freshman year. One of the class "doodlers", Ed designed the cover of our Yearbook. Social studies at Holy Cross is Ed's choice for the next four years.

GEORGE GAUDETTE

George, whose mischievous smile has been a source of concern for his teachers during his four years at S. J., is a resident of Holy Rosary. Prominent in the school's social activities, George may enter the service after graduation.

FREDRICK GEIGER

Fred has been attending St. John's since he started his schooling. He has been out with the baseball team for four years - one of his many accomplishments. Fred plans to follow his brother's footsteps at Holy Cross.

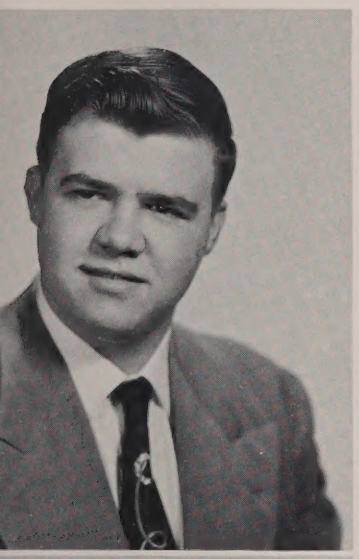
WARREN HAYDEN

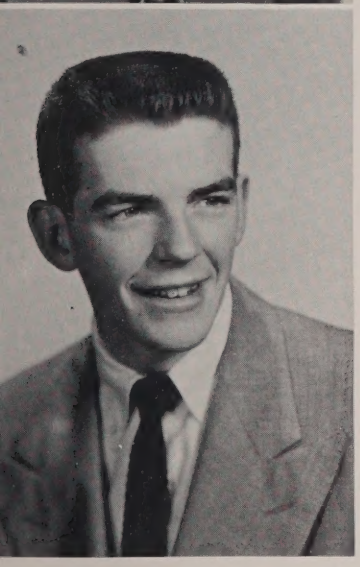
Warren comes from Blessed Sacrament Parish and has been with us for four years. His autos and his driving have been the subject of conversation for the last two years. Warren is entering State Teachers in the fall.

SENIORS

RICHARD HENRY

Richie has the distinction of living closer to the school than anyone in the class. One of the quieter seniors, his name has frequently appeared on the honor roll. Dick will be among the working come graduation.



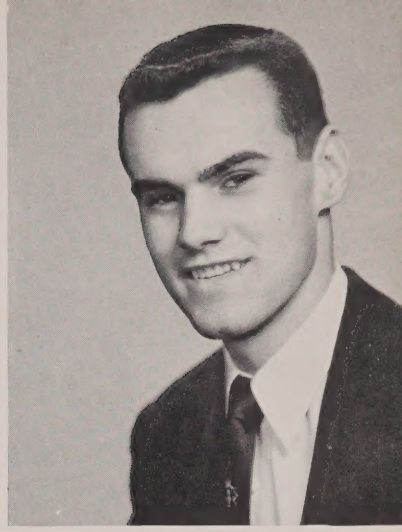


WILLIAM HIGGINS

Bill is another St. John's Parish man who has been active in sports. He has played basketball throughout his four years and football his last two years. Bill is following his older brother to Holy Cross.

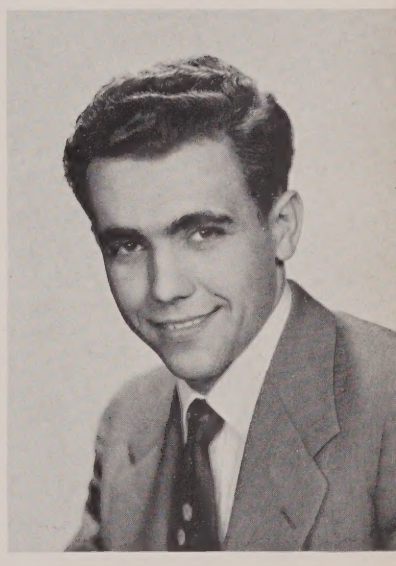
MICHAEL HORGAN

Spike, as his friends know him, has been around S. J. for a long time. He started in the grammar school twelve years ago. Mike is a constant honor roll member and has recently won the Holy Cross Alumni Scholarship.



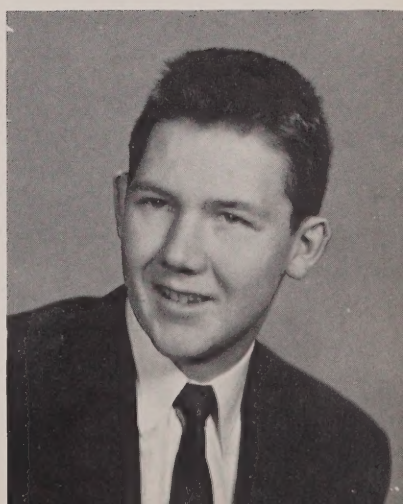
ROGER JOLICOERUR

Rog, a very likable honor student, was voted class president during his last two years. He was always a leader in school functions, whether scholastic or social. His activities include: Yearbook editor, Red & White Assistant Editor, hockey co-captain, and thespian in two school plays.



RAYMOND JONES

Ray comes to us from Burncoat Street, as do many in the high school. Raymond's quiet manner has been a delight to all who have been connected with him for the past four years. He is entering Holy Cross this September.



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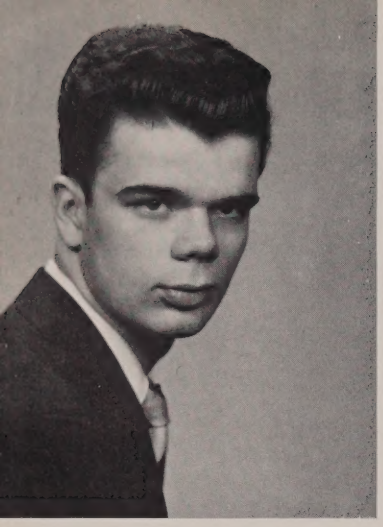
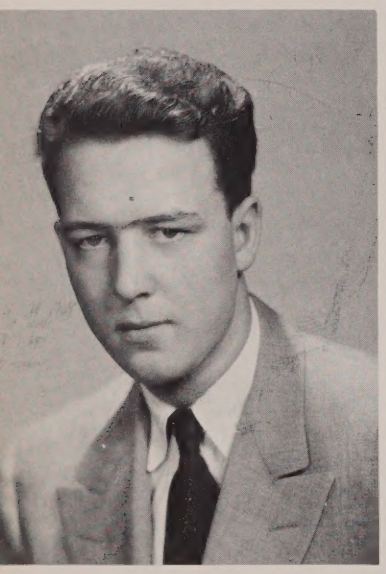


RICHARD LAFLAMME

Richard is one of the few boys in our class from St. John's Parish. He was on the honor roll in the second year and an officer in the Religious Activity Club. Rich plans to enter the service after graduation.



BERNARD LAPOINT

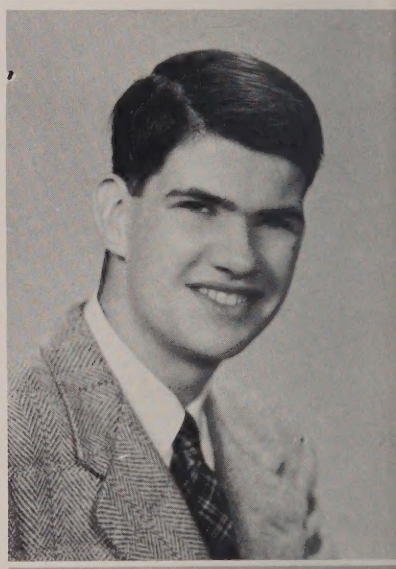
Bernard comes to us from St. Mary's Parish in North Grafton. He played freshman baseball, intramurals and was an important part of the football team for three years. Bern is undecided on what he will do after graduation.

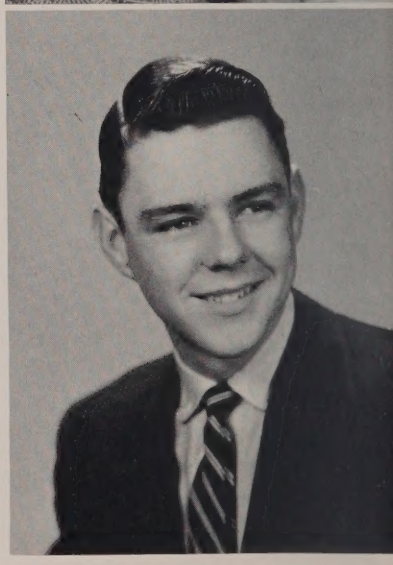
JOHN LAWLER

John is one of the famous Lawler twins that have been keeping the teachers guessing for four years. He comes from the West Side and belongs to the Blessed Sacrament Parish. John is entering Holy Cross this fall.

PETER LAWLER

Peter is the treasurer of the Lawlers and hopes to follow in his father's business. Besides being on the Red and White Staff, he was an usher in the school play. Peter is entering Holy Cross.





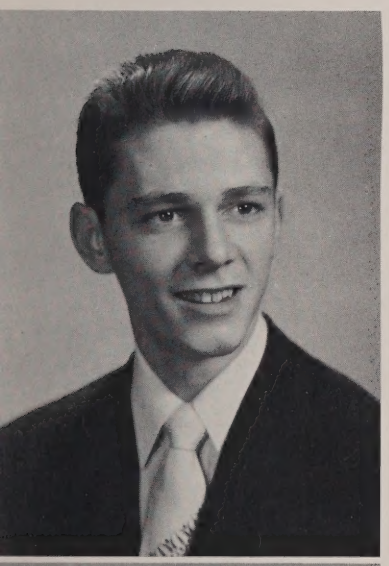
JOSEPH LAYDEN

Joe is one of the many boys from Blessed Sacrament Parish in the senior year. He has been on the parish basketball team for two years and has taken part in intramurals. Joe has been active on the Yearbook and the Senior Hop committee.

SENIORS

BERNARD LEONARD

Bernie has followed his brother's footsteps from Holy Rosary to S. J. He was an active basketball player, playing for the Holy Rosary parish team and in our own intramurals. "Junior" is planning a post graduate course.

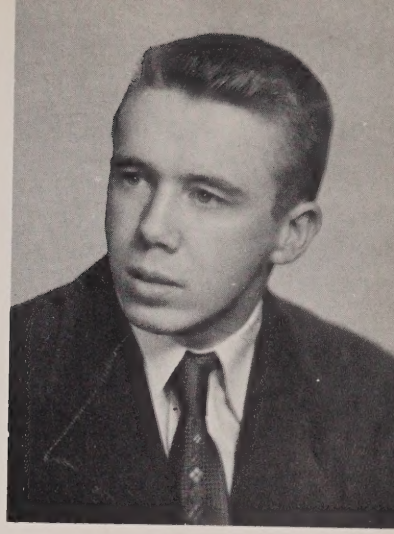


JOHN LORUSSO

John came to S. J. in his sophomore year. He can be found at most of the school activities and is an ardent rooter for St. John's. He is consistently on the honor roll. He entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis on June 28.

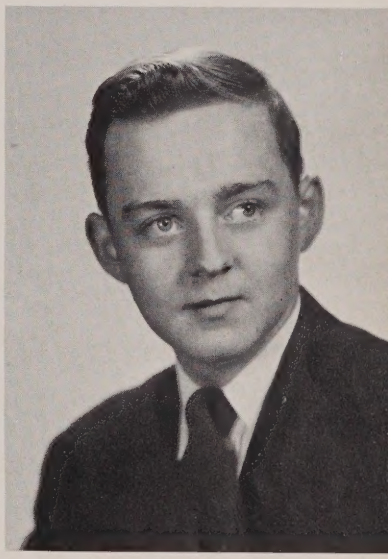
PAUL LUCEY

Paul makes the trip to school each day all the way from St. Joseph's parish in Auburn. He was injured in his sophomore year in football that put an end to his athletic career. If Uncle Sam doesn't call him he will soon be working for the railroad.



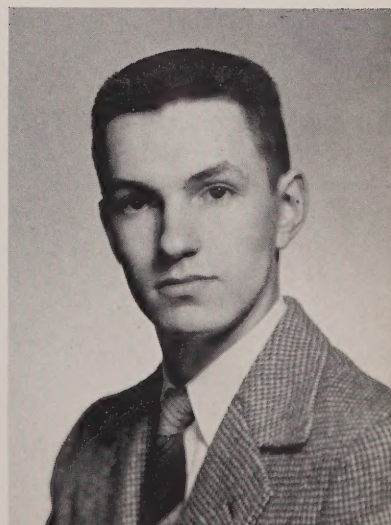
WILLIAM LYONS

Bill is one of the quiet seniors hailing from North Brookfield. He proved his ability as an actor by helping out in the senior class play. Bill is a good student and hopes to make the classroom his life work as a Xaverian Brother.



JOHN MADIGAN

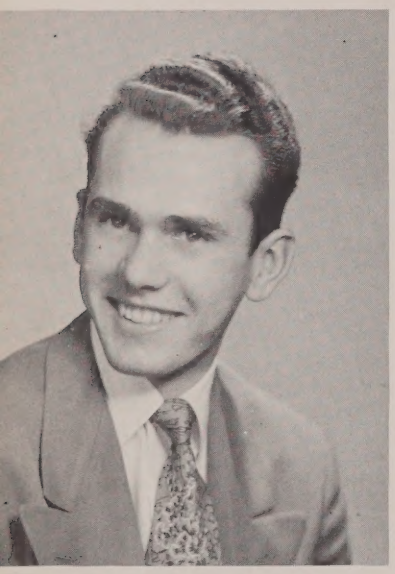
Jack came to us this past year from Trieste, Italy. Although his stay with us was brief, Jack made many friends. He was ineligible to take part in athletics but while in Trieste he played basketball and baseball. Jack entered West Point after graduation.



SENIORS

JAMES MANEELY

Jim hails from Lincoln Hill and can be seen frequenting the Brittan Sq. district. He is one of the zealous followers of all sports at S. J., doing quite a bit of announcing at the basketball games. Jim is also co-editor of our Yearbook.



CORNELIUS McCLURE

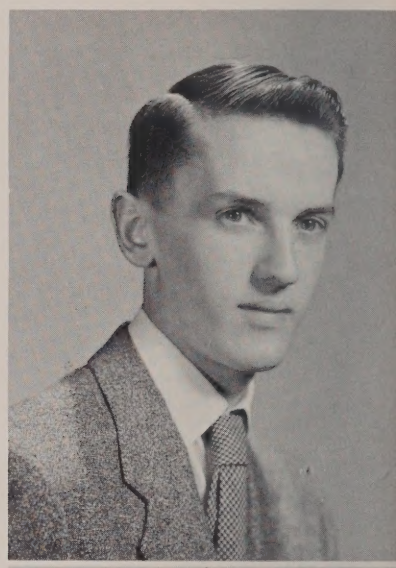
Connie is another who is following a brother through St. John's; he comes from St. Mary's in North Grafton. It is anchors away for Connie within a few months after graduation.

JAMES McCORMICK

Noted for his great talent in public speaking, Jim has won all sorts of prizes and honors in Declamation Contests against high school and even college competition while at S. J. A professional school in New York will be the next milestone in Jim's career.

THOMAS McGRAIN

Tom, who comes from St. Paul's, spent a large part of his after school time working for Mahoney Mercury. Tom made a memorable performance in his portrayal of Rogers, the English butler, in the school play.



MICHAEL MERRICK

Mike, coming to us in his senior year from the "old sod", made friends with all by his musical Irish brogue. Outside of school, Mike's favorite sport is Irish "hurling", a game similar to football.

SENIORS

ALDEN MITCHELL

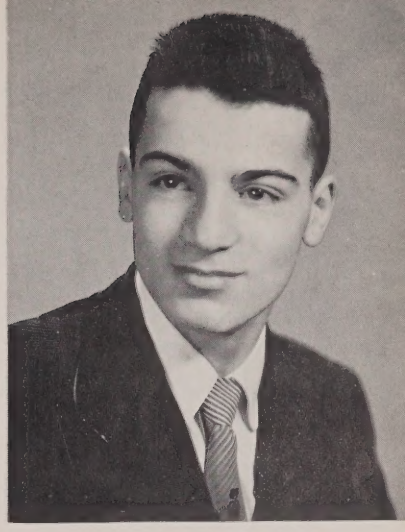
"Mitch" is another of the Class of '54 who hopes to continue his education at H. C. Throughout his years at St. John's Alden has been a good student and was employed by R. J. Toomey Co.

WILLIAM A. McKENNA

"Mac" is one of the fortunate with a car and can be seen riding it to Wyman's every day after school. Bill was stage manager for the senior class play. Basketball dominates his sports in intramurals.

WALTER MOOSSA

A high honor student at S. J., Wally also found time to do extensive work for the school newspaper. He played basketball in his freshman year but then turned his talents to the parish league.

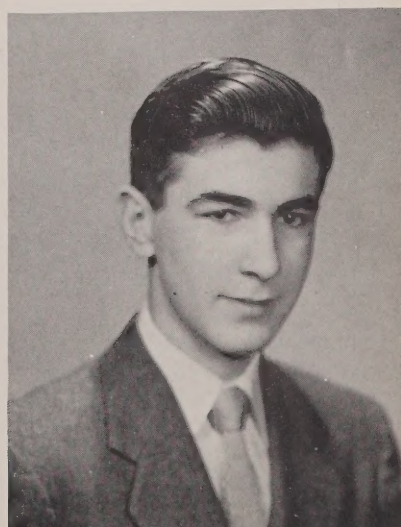


DONALD MORAN

From the Tatnuck Hills "Mickey" has trooped to S. J. in his thirst of knowledge. He was one of the enthusiastic members of the varsity hockey team and also a member of Christ the King's basketball team.

GORDON MORRILL

Gordon joined our class in our second year and since has been an active member in all school activities. Gordon's greatest thrill was to out-talk Joe Morrone in the American history class.



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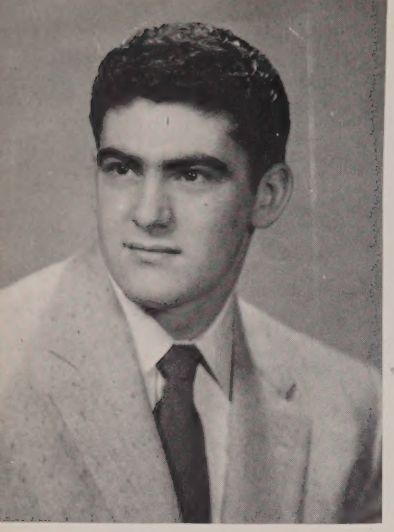
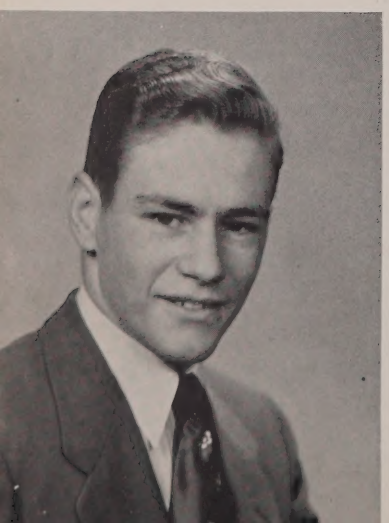


JOSEPH MORRONE

Joe is one of the more illustrious members of the class being an all around athlete, a member of the All City baseball and football squads, vice-president of 4B and a very good student. Joe is entering the University of Massachusetts in September.

JOHN MULHERN

Jack comes from the Burncoat section of the City and is able to arrive on time every morning. He has been active in intramurals although work has kept him from participating in varsity sports. Jack is continuing his education at Holy Cross.

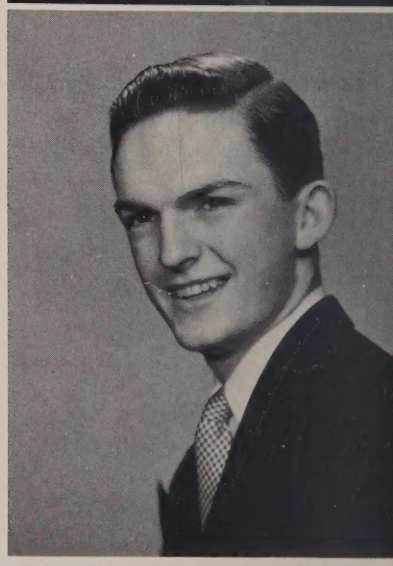


BRIAN MURPHY

"Murph" is the second member of his family who has the long trip from Paxton each day. Brian comes from St. Columba's. He is following his other friends in the class to Holy Cross this September.

JOSEPH NORTON

Joe is a member of Christ the King Parish and has been a great help to its basketball team for the last two years. Joe was unable to take part in athletics at S.J. due to an earlier injury. He is continuing his education at Holy Cross.



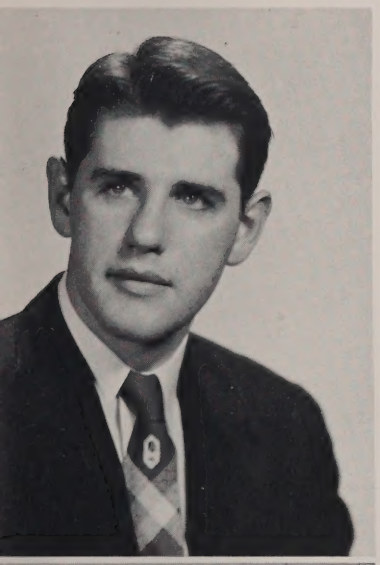
ARTHUR O'CONNELL

"Okie" is another member of Blessed Sacrament Parish who has been active while at S.J. He has taken part in intramural games and has directed the Religious Activity Committee. Holy Cross is the next step in his education.

SENIORS

JOSEPH O'LOUGHLIN

Joe is one of the brightest students in his class. He has maintained a high average thoughout all four years. Joe has been co-chairman of the Religious Activities Committee. He entered the Xaverian Brothers in July.

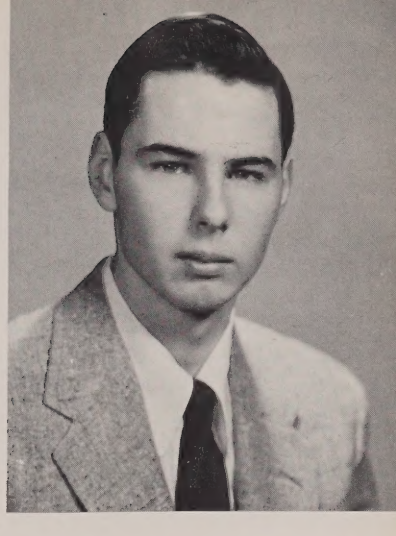


MICHAEL O'SHEA

Mike is another of the many seniors from Blessed Sacrament Parish. He has been active in intramurals and in the parish basketball team. Mike has been a member of the dance committee his last two years. Holy Cross will be the next school for Mike.

EDMUND POWER

A quiet, efficient student from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ed's name has frequently appeared on the honor roll. Ed was a member of the Student Reviewers at the Worcester Public Library. Holy Cross's A.B. course is Ed's next concern.

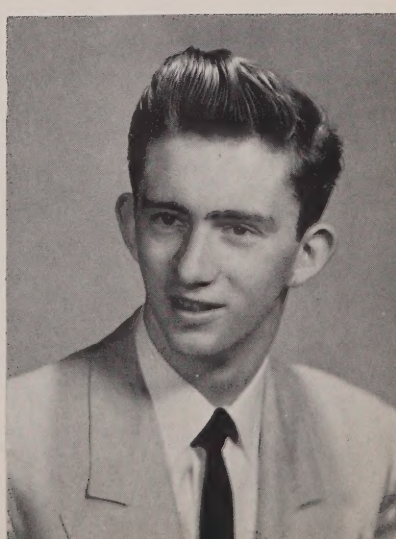


ROBERT QUINLIVAN

Bob has been at S.J. for the last twelve years and during this time has made many friends. He has been a member of the varsity basketball team for the last two years. Bob is uncertain about the future but he thinks that he will get a call from Uncle Sam soon.

LAURENCE REYNOLDS

Larry is a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. He has taken part in parish basketball and intramurals. He plans to make the Army his home for the next few years.



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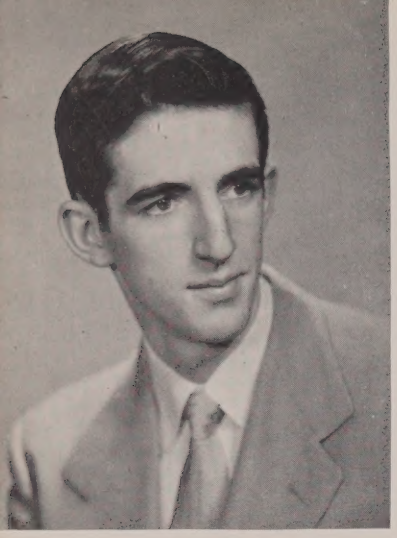


RICHARD ROY

Roy hails from the Holy Rosary Parish where he has been active in parish sports. He has continued this activity at S. J. as a class officer for two years and a member of the Yearbook Staff.

JOSEPH SAVAGE

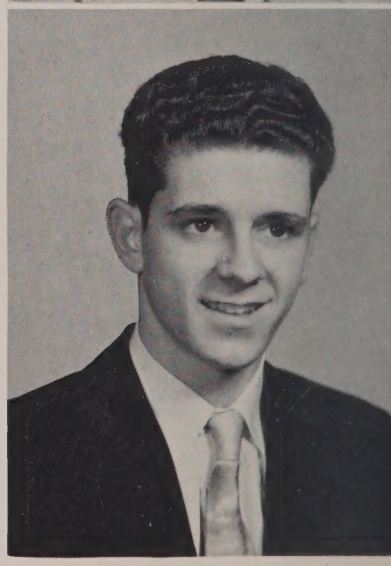
Joe has been very active around school the past two years being a participant in football, intramurals and supplying music for weekly dances. Joe spends his time working at the Vernon Drug on Millbury Street.

HENRY ST. PIERRE

Henry is a good looking fellow who came to S. J. in his sophomore year from Worcester Academy. Henry is noted for his "wonder" car that could be seen in the church yard every school day.

HAROLD TAYLOR

Harry hails from the West Side of Worcester. He was a member of the hockey team and active in intramural and parish league basketball. Harry can be seen at all the athletic events of the school.



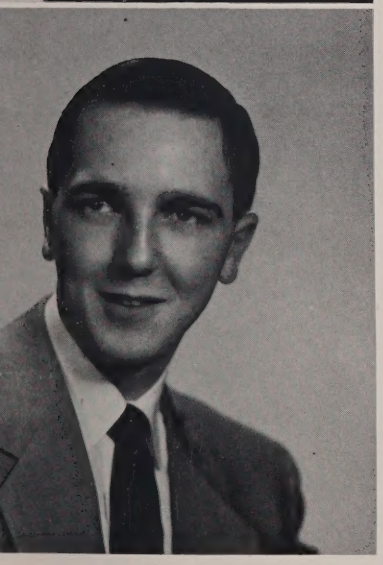
LEE TIBBITTS

Coming from Christ the King Parish "Tibb" is an ardent and faithful rooter for the Pioneers and a regular in attendance at all the hockey games. "Tibb" spends his afternoons working in a spa on Park Ave.

SENIORS

JOHN TRAINOR

Jack, all the way from Ayer, has been with us for four years. He is the proud owner of a "car" which can be seen parked in the church yard. Jack has been on the football team for two years and has taken part in intramurals.



PETER TRAINOR

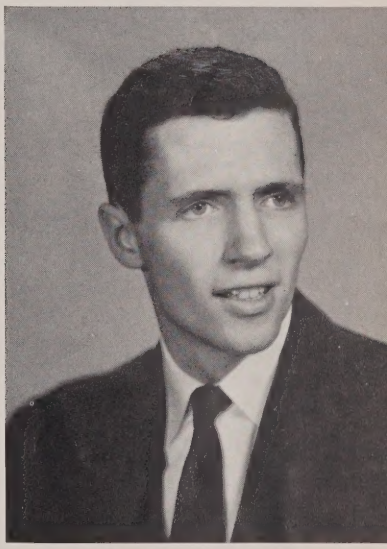
A welcomed addition to S. J. came in our second year when we were joined by Pete, who came to us from St. Peter's. Pete is an ardent rooter for all school activities, and when not in school he can be found at Wynman's Spa. Upon graduation he plans to enter Worcester State Teachers College.

JOSEPH TURNAN

It took Joe only one day to don the Bell Bottom Trousers of the Navy after graduation. Always known for his humor and ability to tell a story, Joe should find many to listen to him now. Joe comes from St. Paul's Parish.

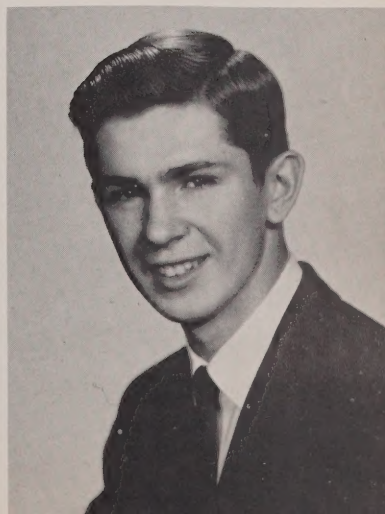
GORDON TURPIN

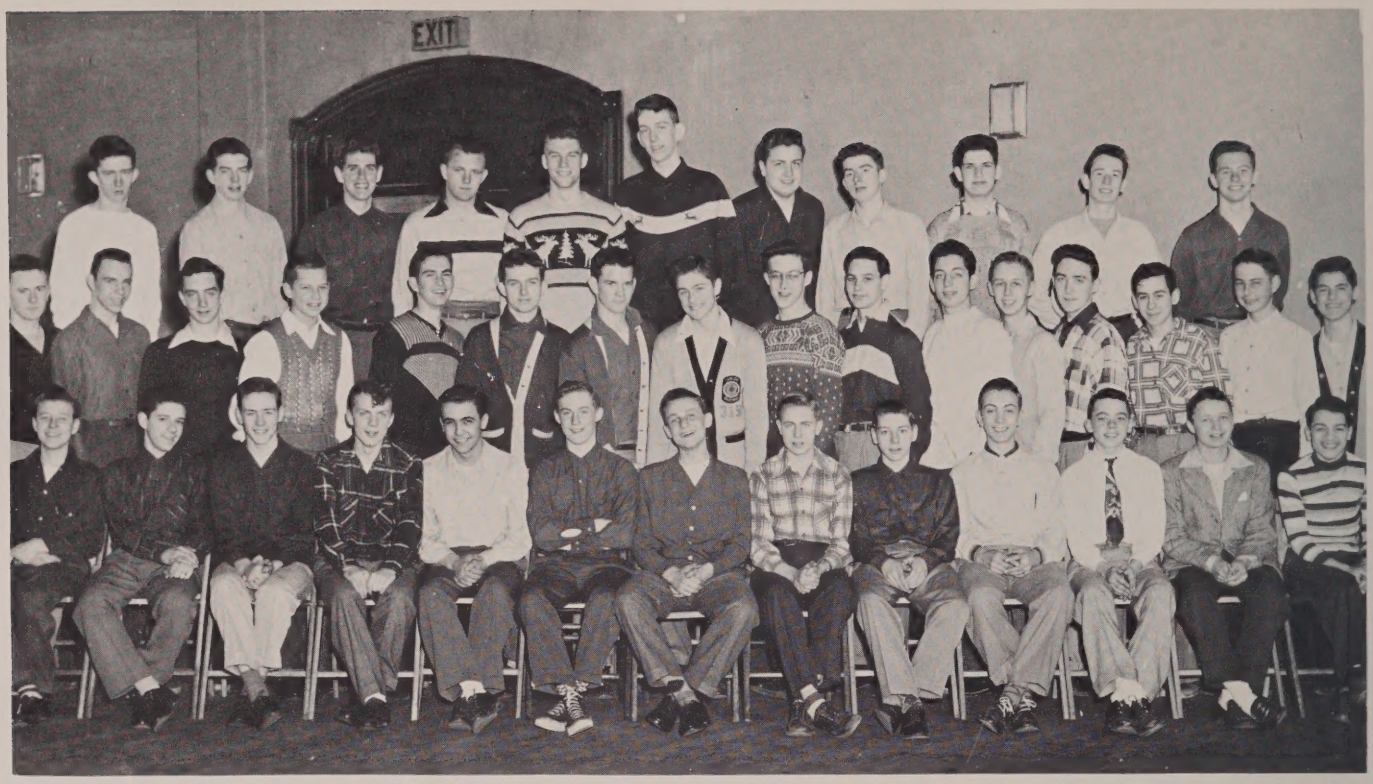
"Turp." is another military-minded member joining the ranks of the Army soon after graduation. He has been a member of the National Guard for some time and so should find the Army life easy. Gordon is a member of Ascension Parish.



ROBERT WARDELL

Bob is from St. Johns' Parish but entered the high school in his junior year. He is kept busy holding down two jobs as well as being a member of the Ready Marine Corps Reserve. He enjoys art and good music.





SOPHOMORES IN '52

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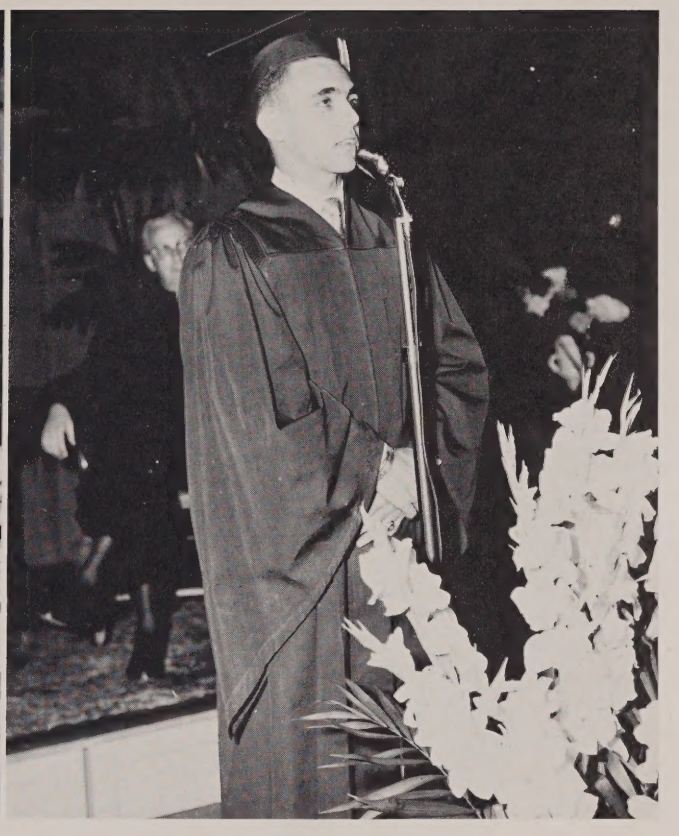
GRADUATION

On Sunday evening, June 20th, 1954 the Fiftieth Commencement Exercises of St. John's High School were held in the gymnasium. The featured guest speaker of the evening was the Reverend Bernard J. Conlin of the class of 1931, who is at present principal of St. Bernard's High in Fitchburg. Father Donahue also spoke to the last graduating class to come under his guidance.

Clad in the traditional maroon caps and gowns, the golden jubilee class of 1954 received their diplomas from His Excellency, Bishop John J. Wright, before more than 900 parents and friends.

Bishop Wright also gave special awards to senior altar boys and general excellence medals to the pupils with the highest average in each of the classes.

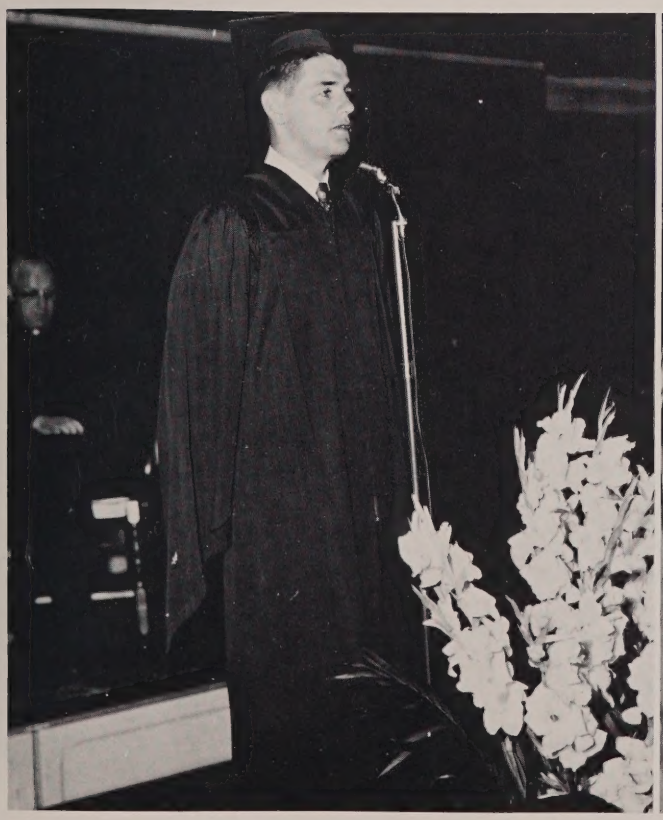
Remi Dubuque - Valedictorian

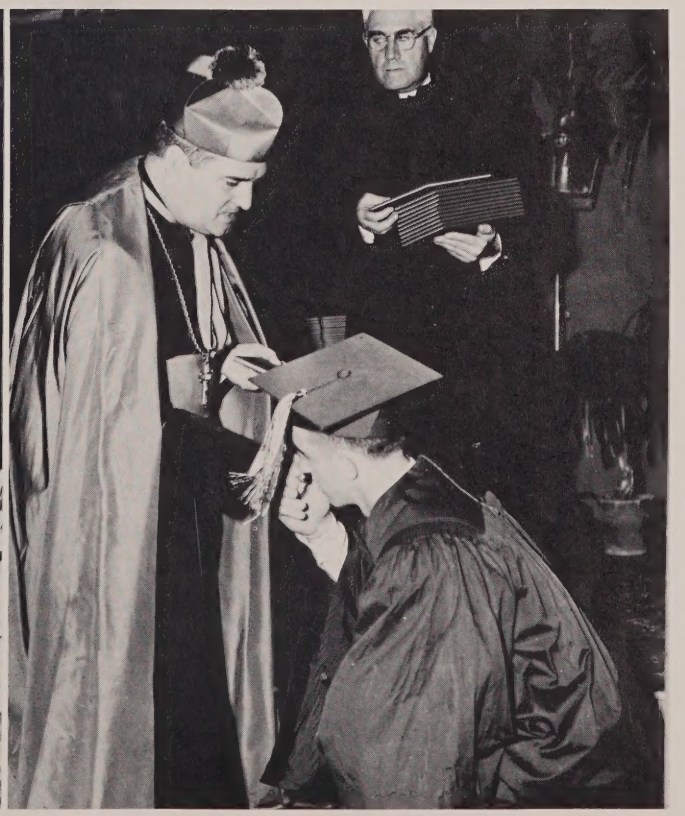


Roger Jolicoeur - Salutatorian

Joseph O'Loughlin - Orator

John Dumphy kisses Bishop Wright's ring as he receives his diploma.





The way we looked four years ago in I B.

CLASS HISTORY

Bright and early September 6, 1950 the class of '54 was in the making. Following the traditional opening day mass and talk by the late Father Lahey, a group of nervous freshmen walked into classes 1A and 1B not knowing what to expect. Homeroom teachers were Brother Alfred and Brother Bede. The advent of high school brought about a change in many of us and some soon left us for other schools. Who can forget?

Now we are a little older but still enjoy the fun of freshmen.

In 1954 we lead the school to new glory.

Brother Norbert's movies in history or the experiments in general science? It was the only year we saw St. John's win the Western Mass. Basketball Title and appear in the New England's finals at the Boston Garden.

Year number two brought about a transition in the scared freshman and the result was the "sophus morus", the boy who knew it all, couldn't miss a trick when the opportunity afforded itself. We moved across the hallway into 2 A and 2 B which were the homerooms of the since transferred Brother Norbert and the late Brother Regis. Brother Regis later celebrated his golden jubilee as a Xaverian Brother in this year. During the baseball season the Pioneers had the unprecedented distinction in Worcester by capturing the State High School Baseball Championship. It was also during this year that our football team became the first City team to take part in the post season game at the Exchange Bowl in Lynn.

In the junior year we became mad scientists down in the chem lab. Our homeroom teachers were Brother Anthony and Brother Andrew. Once again the basketball team found itself in the Western Mass Tourney for the third straight year. Between Cicero and the law of exponents the third year became one of our most memorable ones.

Heading home in the final year we all were faced with the problems of graduation and the future. As seniors we took charge of such activities as the Senior Play, "Ten Little Indians", the Senior Hop, Senior Prom and the publication of the RED and WHITE and the PIONEER.

In 1950 we looked forward to four profitable years.

BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Associate Editors Roger Jolicoeur and Jim Maneely converse with editors Remi Dubuque and Frank Foley, while publicity man (top) Walter Moossa, Art Editor Fran Corsac and Business Managers, Henry St. Pierre and John Mulhern look on.

The RED and WHITE, St. John's student publication enjoyed a highly successful as well as an eventful year under the management of co-editors. Frank Foley and Remi Dubuqe with the faculty guidance of Brothers Ricardo and Dennis Joseph. Six issues were circulated throughout the school periodically.

Roger Jolicoeur and James Maneely were associate editors and the staff was backed up by business managers John Mulhern and Henry St. Pierre, the art work was handled by the talented pen of Fran Corsac and Walter Moossa handled the publicity. Brothers Marshal and Dunstan gave the publication much valuable assistance with their photographic abilities. A staff of underclassmen provided material for publication in their capacity as reporters.

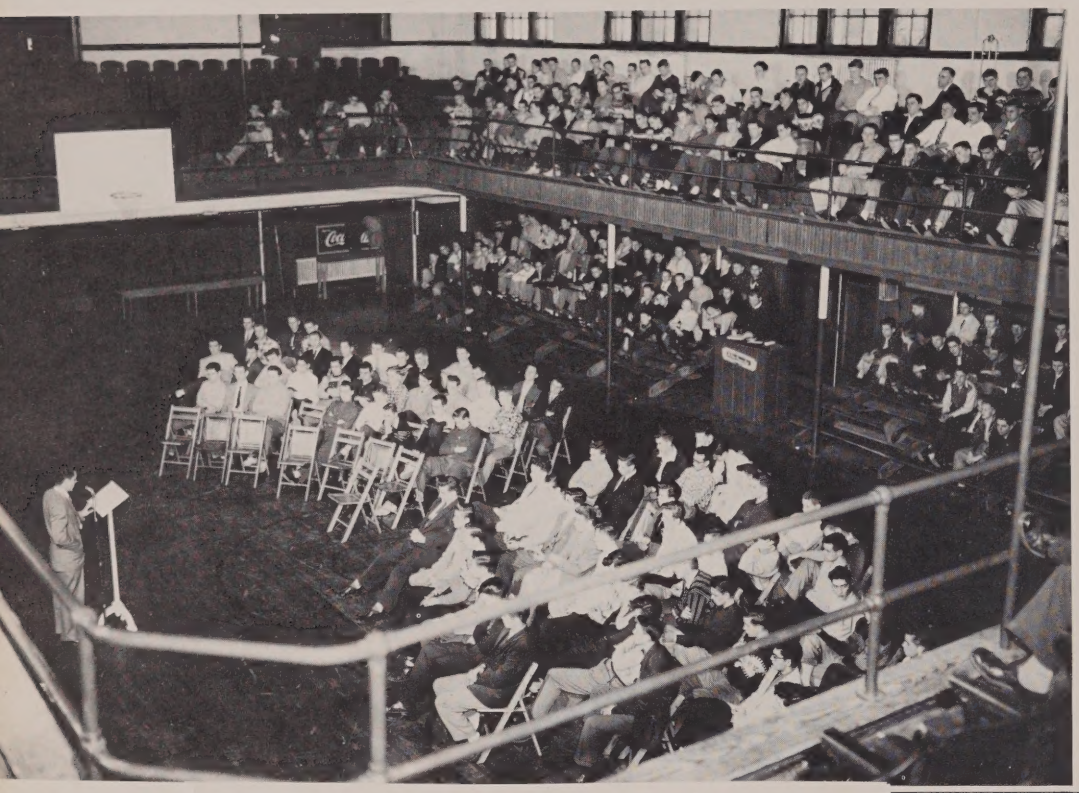
YEARBOOK STAFF

Only a small portion of the PIONEER staff is pictured here, since almost the whole class participated in its editing. The entire project was under the direction of co-editors Jim Maneely and Rober Jolicoeur, assistant editors Remi Dubuque and Frank Foley, and Brother Dennis Joseph and Brother Bede, our faculty advisors.

As a result of a relatively poor showing in the annual subscription drive this edition of the PIONEER was published on a budget and for this reason comes out in the Fall instead of the Spring. However, we feel this has certain definite advantages since it allows a more complete coverage of the school year.

We, the 1954 PIONEER staff have attempted to bring to the graduates the type of yearbook which we believe they wanted, from the many remarks and suggestions made throughout the school year. We have made it our goal in editing this yearbook to compile, as descriptively as possible, all the events and activities which we will cherish long after we have left St. John's.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS' MISSION CRUSADE



Senior Class President ROGER JOLICOEUR addresses the student body at an RAC First Friday Assembly.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Once again, the Religious Activity Committee conducted to greater successes than ever. Among others, the group sponsored many activities in school functions. Led by co-chairman, Joseph O'Loughlin and Richard Doyle, the organization stirred the Lenten Mission Drive.

BROTHER RICARDO presents REMI DUBUQUE an award for his prize-winning essay in the Marian Year contest.

James McCormick

James McCormick finished up his oratorical career at St. John's by winning the Annual Bishop Wright Declamation Contest for the third straight year. Jim then went on to win the Hearst Oratory contest in Boston where he was in competition with representatives from more than fifty high schools.

From Boston Jim traveled to Albany, New York for the Eastern zone finals. He was defeated in this round by the defending Eastern champ.

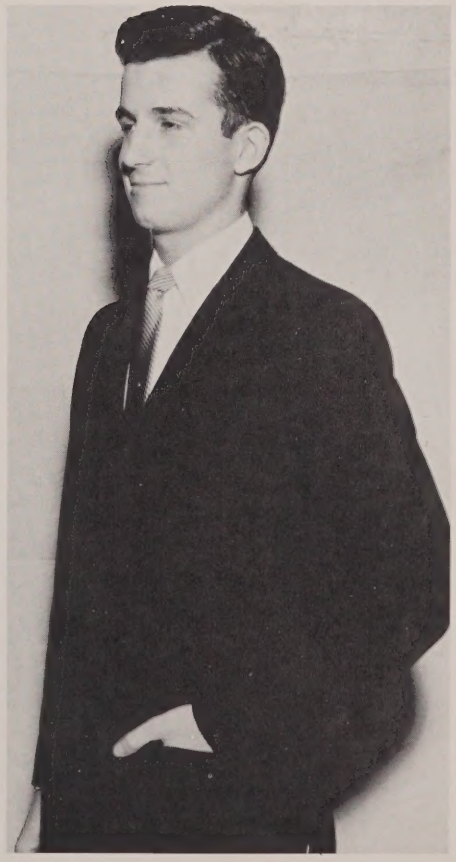
As a result of Jim's two successive victories in the senior division of the Dioceson contest, St. John's has two counts on the trophy. Only one more is needed for permanent retirement.

ORATORY

St. John's also has two counts on the Junior Division trophy as a result of Gordon Peterson's win this year and Jim McCormick's win two years ago. This was the first title for Gordon in his two years of competition. With Gordon Peterson around for two more years the prospect of St. John's continuing to lead the way in oratory looks bright.

In school competition James Mulhen, Jack Toohil, and James Beauregard represented the freshmen and Jim Jackson and Gordon Peterson represented the sophs in the junior division.

In the senior division it was Jack McGinnis and Larry Clifford for the juniors and Remi Dubuque, Jack Daniels, and Jim McCormick for the seniors. Judges for the contest were Fr. Edward Durkin of St. John's and Attorney John F. Killeen of the Class of '29.



Gordon Peterson

SEATED: L. Tibbitt, R. Jolicoeur, C. Leavitt, M. Fitzgibbons, T. Bannon, J. Maneely.
STANDING: T. McGrain, J. Daniels, J. O'Loughlin, R. Dubuque, R. Doyle.

DRAMATICS

The combined talents of Ascension High School and St. John's Seniors, and the unenviable tasks of Br. Marshal, director, and Br. Dunstan, as assistant, all add up to the warmly received play, "Ten Little Indians", by Agatha Christie. It was a very interesting play. Imagine, if you can, accepting an invitation for a weekend on an island. On your arrival, you learn there is no host present, but everything is at your disposal. All 10 guests accept and are accused of a crime. Each guest dies in the manner expressed in the nursery rhyme "TEN LITTLE INDIANS".

"What happened?"

CAST

Rogers	Thomas McGrain
Mrs. Rogers	Marie Fitzgibbons
Fred Narracott	John Daniels
Vera Claythorne	Carol Leavitt
Philip Lombard	Roger Jolicoeur
Anthony Marston	Lee Tibbitts
William Blore	Richard Doyle
General Mackenzie	James Maneely
Emily Brent	Therese Bannon
Sir Lawrence Wargrave	Remi Dubuque
Dr. Armstrong	Joseph O'Loughlin
The Voice	William Higgins

SENIOR HOP

The Social Side of the St. John's students' activities is never neglected and this year was no exception. Back in February, the Seniors held a meeting to talk over plans for the annual Senior Hop. A committee consisting of Joe Morrone, Jack Finnegan, Dick Roy, Roger Jolicoeur, Fran Corsac, Paul Danilowicz, Art O'Connell and Joe Layden was selected. It was decided to hold the dance at the Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday, January 24. The Malden Hi-Liters were chosen as the orchestra.

Came the night of the dance and everything went off as arranged, couples began to arrive soon after eight and were greeted by Brothers Marshal and Bede. Loring Studios, our school photographer took pictures throughout the evening.

A proof that everyone had a good time can be found in the fact that everyone stayed until the orchestra played the final song of the evening, "Good Night Sweetheart".

SENIORS
and their dates receiving favors.

SENIOR PROM

The Wachusett Country Club was the scene of the annual combined senior prom of St. John's and Ascension. The evening was the last Friday in May with the Malden Hi-Liters providing the music. More than ninety couples were in attendance, and summer formals were the style.

Committees on arrangements included the senior class officers: Roger Jolicoeur, Jack Finnegan, Paul Danilowicz, Joe Morrone, and Dick Roy. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. David O'Shea and Mr. and Mrs. George Corsac.

Made-to-order favors were attractive pins with the school seal.

"The pause that refreshes."

JUNIOR PROM

Seventy-two couples promenaded to the music of Ken Newcombe's band at the Hillcrest Country Club at the annual Junior Prom a few weeks ago. Moderator Brother Anthony reported that it was the most successful junior dance in the school's history.

Class presidents Jim Garvey with Janice Guthrie, and Tom Hill with Nancy St. Marie, led the grand march. The profit realized by the dance was donated to the school by a vote of the members of the class.

CLASS OFFICERS

'53 - '54

PRESIDENTS:	Roger Jolicoeur	John Finnegan
VICE-PRESIDENTS:	Paul Danilowicz	Joseph Morrone
TREASURERS:	Francis Corsac	Richard Roy

UNDER GRADS

JUNIOR - A

CLASS 3 A, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: W. Lucier, A. Boden, G. O'Connor, J. Canavan, M. Harrity, T. Hill, B. McGrath, N. Prue, L. Kallio, W. Brown. SECOND ROW: H. Davis, R. Clarey, E. O'Rourke, J. Decker, J. Dorsey, P. Tougas, M. Feely, F. Tivnan, J. Malloy, J. Davis, J. Sullivan. THIRD ROW: J. Walsh, L. Clifford, F. Kelly, J. Cunningham, J. Cullen, R. Keleher, T. Mooney, W. Tattan, G. Lapriore, R. Meehan, W. McGrath, J. Power. FOURTH ROW: H. Shea, R. Sullivan, E. Foley, R. Moynihan, R. Dowd, E. Madigan, P. Dennehy, D. Klocek.

Homeroom for Br. Marshal. Only group in the country that could out talk television fight commentators. Has in its environs several of S.J.'s leading citizens for the coming year. Co-captains B. Keleher and B. McGrath in basketball. Co-captain L. Kallio in hockey.

JUNIOR - B

CLASS 3 B, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Hehir, J. Walsh, D. Murphy, R. Bourget, R. Rizkalla, J. Garvey, R. McCrohon, R. Ledoux, R. Shea, A. Bourbeau. SECOND ROW: P. Govoni, J. Connor, G. Murphy, R. Tarallo, D. McClure, J. McGinnis, J. Rembiszewski, G. Goodney, F. Gardner, R. Breault, C. Patterson. THIRD ROW: G. Gerrits, R. Martin, F. Savage, R. Plante, S. Toloczko, R. Cousineau, J. Thomas, E. McCarthy, T. Greenwich. FOURTH ROW: F. Walsh, J. Firlings, W. Grady, P. Lacanfora, R. Colbert, R. Grady, J. Rahaim, P. Melia.

Homeroom for Br. Anthony. Home for football co-captains J. Garvey and R. McCrohan and hockey co-captain B. Bourget. Top student is J. Rembiszewski. 3B are official repairers and chemists par excellence---if the odors they concoct in the lab. are any indication. The Gradys are the sound men, while the photographers include D. Plante and R. Cousineau.

Soph - A

CLASS 2 A, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Bouvier, B. Hyland, J. Kirwan, A. Roy, J. Shields, G. Peterson, E. Durkin, F. Coughlin, P. Malkasian, J. Hallinan. SECOND ROW: R. McGuinness, F. Cahill, P. O'Malley, J. McManus, P. Jolicoeur, T. McMaster, P. Cole, R. Nicewicz, R. Cloutier, C. Jaworski, R. Whalen. THIRD ROW: G. McDermott, R. Regan, A. Bissonnette, W. Lussier, R. Schollard, W. Bullock, W. Duffy, G. Shea, L. Strzelecki, L. Vaudreuil. FOURTH ROW: G. Ryder, J. Fadgan, R. Harris, J. Meagher, M. Carrigan, M. Treacy, R. Wilkins, L. McGrail, J. Carr, G. Downey, W. Riordan.

Homeroom for Br. Dunstan. This free-wheeling outfit claims J. McManus as its top student, closely pursued by T. McMaster, G. Peterson and G. Ryder. Athletes include, Bullock, Carr, Carrigan, Malkasian, McGrail and Treacy, not to mention Timmy McMaster. Top orator left in the school is G. Peterson.

Soph - B

CLASS 2 B, FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: L. Zalauskas, P. Henault, F. Colleran, J. McNamara, T. Foley, R. O'Connell, J. Lane, J. Conley, G. Bailey, G. Sullivan. SECOND ROW: E. Kenneway, D. Glidden, P. Dubrey, J. Dvareckas, G. McKenna, D. Moran, T. Gallagher, J. Hoey, F. Falvey, T. Conroy, J. Smith. THIRD ROW: J. Licoski, T. DuVarney, M. Loughlin, J. Doherty, C. Lucey, J. Fitzgerald, P. S. O'Leary, P. M. O'Leary, W. Collins, J. Deviny. FOURTH ROW: J. Chinigo, J. Gannon, T. Harrahy, J. Buckley, J. Jackson, D. Gothing, F. Glodis, G. McAtee, R. Pauliukonis.

Homeroom of Br. Plunket. Best backers for sports this past season of any class in the school. Ted DuVarney and J. Doherty sport the loudest lungs in appreciation of a good play in the school. Snakes, frogs and fishes seem to reach the end of the trail in 2B.

Freshmen - A

CLASS I A, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. O'Brien, D. O'Hara, W. Madaus, P. Davis, J. King, R. Falvey, T. Kennedy, J. Mullen, K. Tebo, R. Monahan. SECOND ROW: T. O'Brien, P. Kalagher, W. Hennessey, R. Croteau, P. Gallagher, M. Fallon, B. Forand, R. Leary, R. Faugno, F. Ryan, J. Paquette. THIRD ROW: J. Cunningham, E. Sullivan, J. Cooney, J. O'Shea, J. Aslanian, R. McCarthy, R. Moynagh, J. Zinkevich, R. Pentland, M. Shea, P. O'Neill, R. Olson. FOURTH ROW: J. Eagan, R. Choquette, D. Whelan, J. Coggins, J. Toohil, J. Foley, D. Scannell, J. Moynihan, L. Maranda, R. Couture, A. McCurdy, C. Matuzek, J. Power.

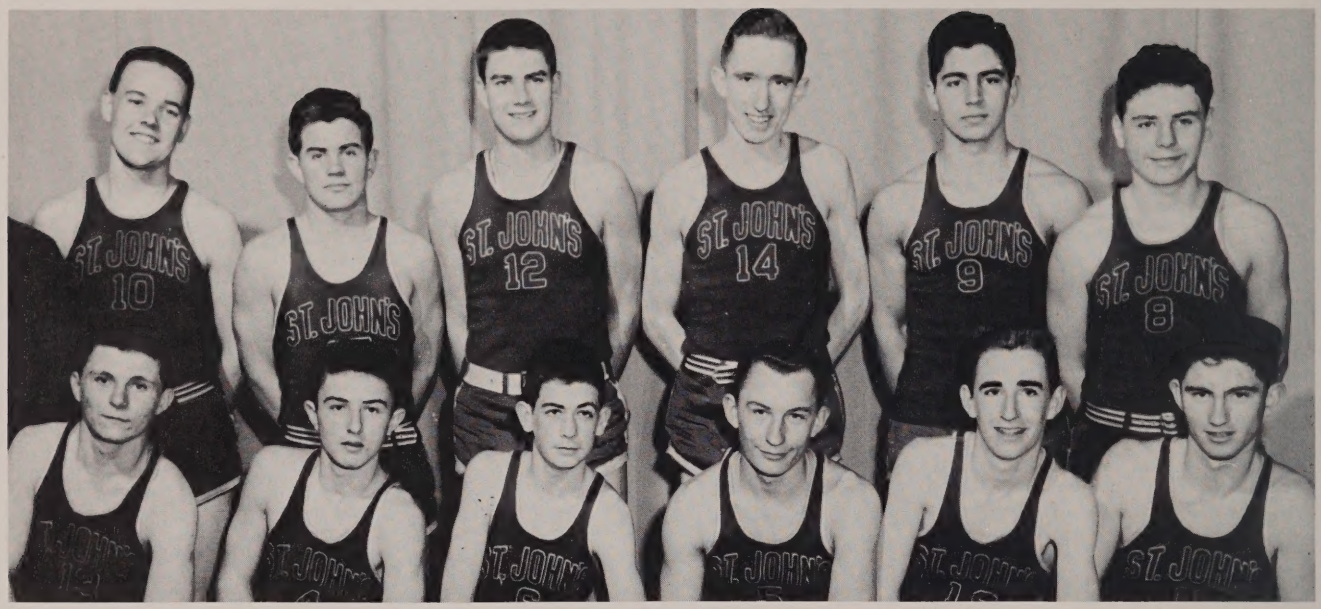
Homeroom for Br. Alfred. Winning class in the point totals for the play program drive. Claim they, with 1B, can defeat the Sophs in ball games any day---and proved it in the school yard in the spring. Gallagher and Kalagher are future ice stars.

Freshmen - B

CLASS I B, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Sapaukas, H. Denoncour, R. Licoski, P. Cadrin, D. Hughes, M. Mullins, T. Murphy, H. Novelle, J. Duggan, L. Tebo. SECOND ROW: J. Pare, J. McGuinness, T. Sullivan, R. Burns, A. L'Huillier, K. Zereski, J. O'Connell, W. Mitchell, T. Lane, D. Lucier, J. Beauregard, P. Angers, C. Daley, R. Hanam. THIRD ROW: D. Murphy, D. Mahoney, R. Belanger, F. Lee, R. Chiras, R. Dubrule, T. Rafferty, F. Waldman, W. Keating, P. Dowd, F. Giuliano, J. Jarzobski. FOURTH ROW: J. McNally, P. Cavanaugh, B. Kader, R. Williamson, J. Lampson, G. Brown, E. Kasavich, J. O'Connor, F. Pageau, B. Hayes, L. Sweeney, W. Moran, G. Perry, F. Langway.

Homeroom for Brother Bede. Noisiest supporters of school activities. Fran Guiliano and Dan Mahoney cavorted on the diamond in the spring for the Varsity. Class intelligentsia include George Brown, Henry Dennoncour, and Jim Beauregard. Backbone of the freshmen basketball team.

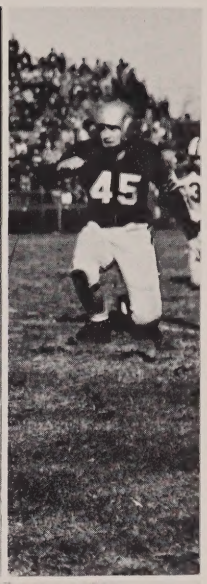
J. V. BASKETBALL



BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Fran Falvey, Cornelius Lucey, Timothy McMaster, Leonard Zalauskas, Joe Carr, Fran Colleran. STANDING: Tom Foley, Tom Harrahy, John Meagher, Lawrence McGrail, Frank D'Elia, and William Bullock.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Fran Giuliano, Tom Murphy, Don Hughes, James McNally, and Fran Lee. STANDING: Peter Cavanaugh, Richard Falvey, Eugene Kasavich, James Moynihan, Tom Sullivan and manager Peter Dowd.



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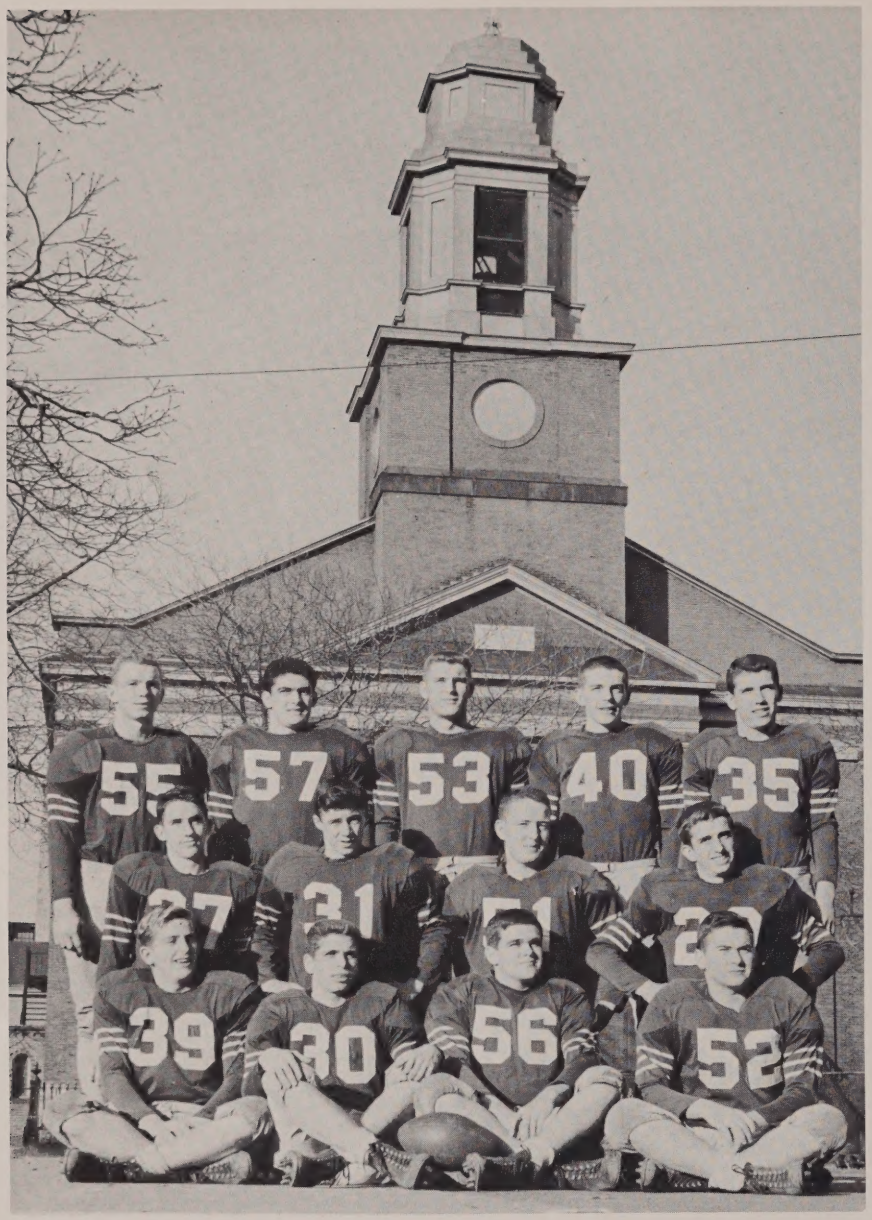


FOOTBALL

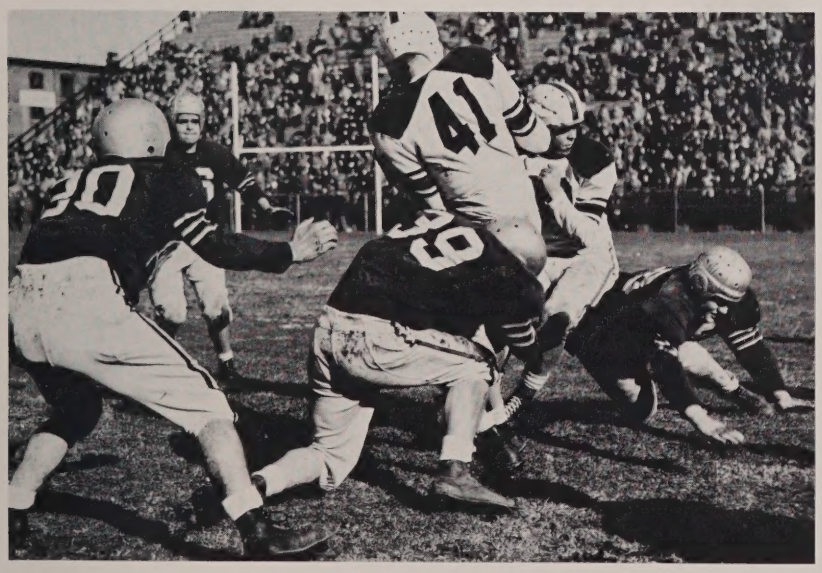
SEASON'S RECORD

S. J.	Opp.	
12	Fitchburg	19
33	Commerce	0
20	North	13
14	Leominster	20
21	Cathedral	14
14	Trade	6
20	St. Peter's	13

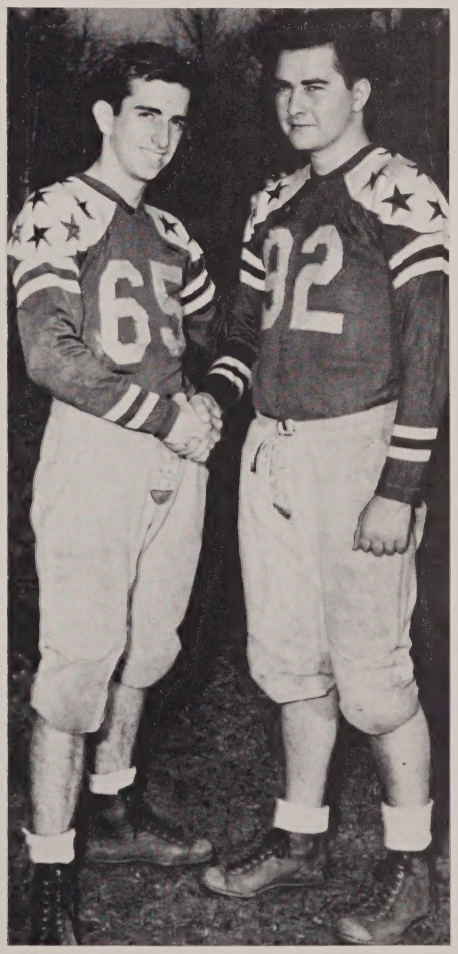
St. John's starting "13" pose in front of St. John's Church.

Football '53 was the final season at S. J. for Coach Devlin on the gridiron. Playing its usual role as City Champion, St. John's gained its fourth straight pigskin championship. Denny Flynn and Jack Finnegan, two "old-pros" of the squad were elected co-captain and led the team. Senior fullback, Fran Corsac's efforts were meritorious enough to win the Lincoln Stoddard Memorial Trophy as the outstanding City high school footballer. Besides Corsac, named to the All City squad were seniors Jack Finnegan, Joe Morrone, Paul Danilowicz and juniors Jim Garvey, Ronnie McCrohan, and Bill Tatten. The covered wagon riders tumbled over all except Fitchburg and Leominster, losing to each by one touchdown. S. J. topped traditional rival St. Peter's 20-13 in the Thanksgiving morning classic to make it the tenth year that St. John's has not been defeated by St. Peter's.

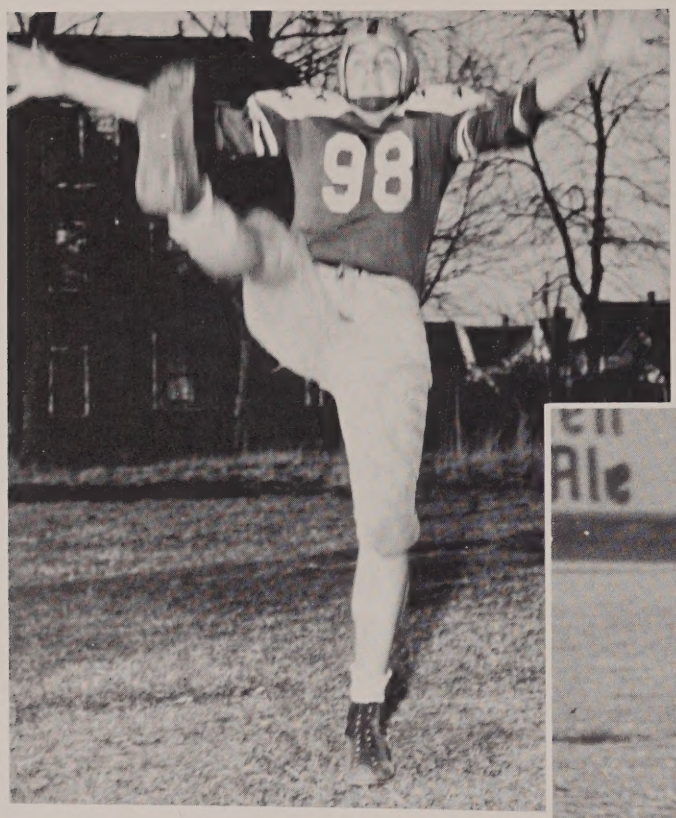
SENIORS ON THE FOOTBALL SQUAD, FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Savage, B. Higgins, P. Danilowicz, J. Morrone, J. Finnegan, J. Durkin, B. LaPoint, C. Doherty. SECOND ROW: J. Trainor, J. Dumphy, F. Corsac, J. Arseneault, G. Dowd, J. Falvey, D. Flynn.



Ronnie McCrohon brings down a St . Peter's runner as Dick Doyle takes out a "would be" blocker.

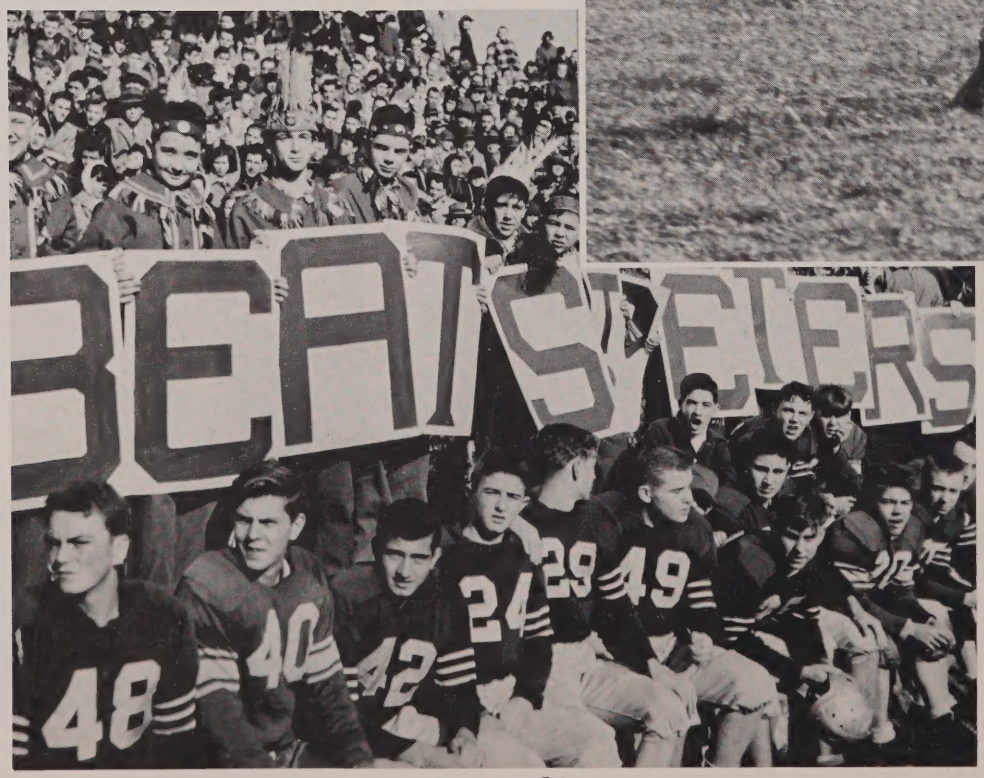


Co-captains Denny Flynn and Jack Finnegan.



Ronnie McCrohon makes a touchdown catch in the Cathedral game at Springfield.

Joe Savage gets off a good punt.



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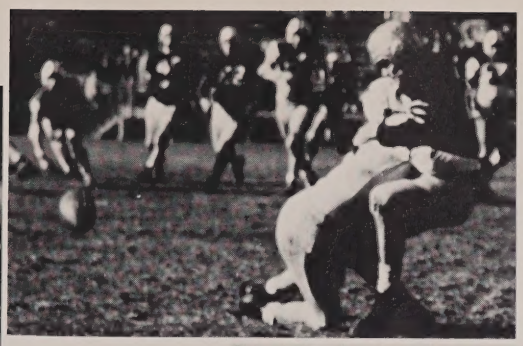
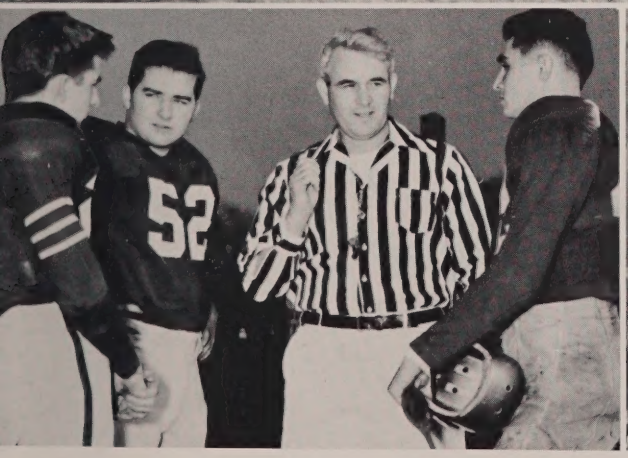




BASKETBALL

THE UNDEFEATED CITY CHAMPS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bobby Walsh, Bob Quinlivan, Bill Higgins, Co-captains Frank Foley and Don Akerson, John Belanger, Skip Duprey and Jim Dorsey. BACK ROW: Manager Fran Corsac, Dick Sullivan, Marty Harrity, Barry McGrath, Bill Tatten, Bob Keleher, Manager Mike Mullins and Coach Devlin.

Basketball, once again proved to be the sport which St. John's gained the most prominence. In the last season gone by Coach Devlin moulded one of the most powerful aggregations assembled by Coach Devlin and his right hand man Brother Alfred. Anchored by co-captains Frank Foley and Don Akerson, S. J. compiled an enviable 23 and 0 on the regular season and missed tournament glory by one point in the last second.

The varsity lined up at the start of each contest with Barry McGrath and Don Akerson at the forwards, Lanky Frank Foley at center and dependable Skip Duprey and steady Bob Quinlivan at the guards, with Bob Keleher and the side ready to be inserted in the line up as the situation warranted. Also ready for action were Johnny Belanger, Billy Higgins, Bill Tatten and Dick Sullivan. Also seeing service this year were Marty Harrity, Bobby Walsh and Jim Dorsey.

Skip Duprey goes way up to hoop two.

Starting off in high gear the Devlinmen downed Classical 70-48 and St. Mary's and stumbled but finally outlasted South High 39-34. Following that tilt the Pioneers rolled over all comers in a span of two months. The closest margin during this time was 12 points. Then came South again and St. John's once again outlasted them 61-55 on their home court. Following that the Red & White clad cagers finished off the schedule overcoming St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's in succession. For the fourth straight year, St. John's received and accepted a bid to the Western Mass. Basketball Tournament in Springfield.

	We	They
Classical	70	43
St. Mary's	63	37
South	39	34
Revere	64	45
St. Bernard's	71	35
Alumni	76	47
Holyoke Cath.	62	32

	We	They
Assumption	58	44
St. Peter	61	25
Classical	65	41
Trade	62	34
Revere	72	40
St. Stephen	70	56
North	69	49

	We	They
Trade	65	44
St. Bernard's	68	34
Holyoke Cath.	84	38
North	60	44
Assumption	61	49
South	61	55
St. Peter's	87	47
St. Mary's	87	47
St. Stephen's	85	36

Bill Higgins (2) scrambles for the rebound while Johnny Belanger (25) moves in to assist.

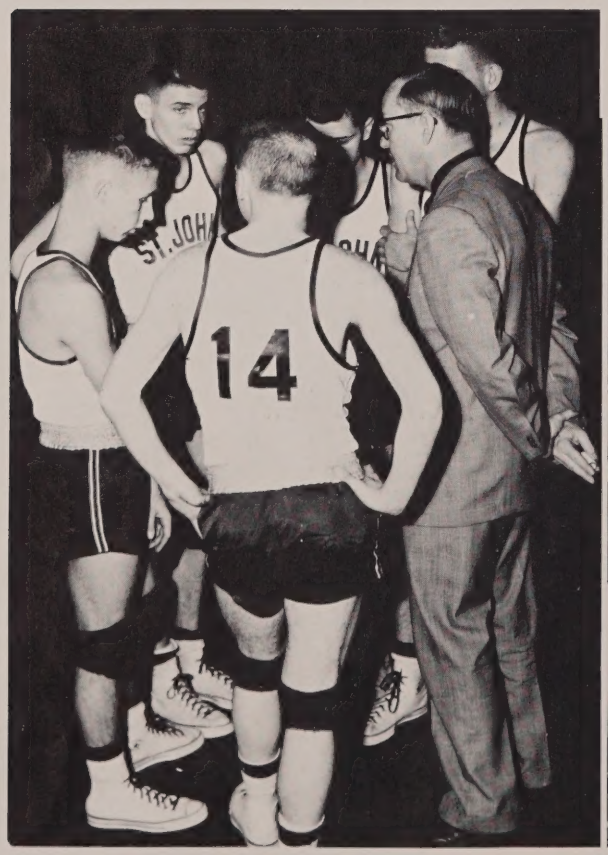
After romping over Trade High of Springfield by the decisive margin of 22 points, S. J. faced Auburn High, supposedly the country cousins of St. John's. With an idea of an easy victory, St. John's entered the second day only to evolve as the owner of the short end of 55-54 score. For the third consecutive year, we were faced with third place as S. J. downed Greenfield for spot number three in the Tourney.

The future loomed brighter as St. John's accepted an invite to the Glen Falls Tourney in New York State.

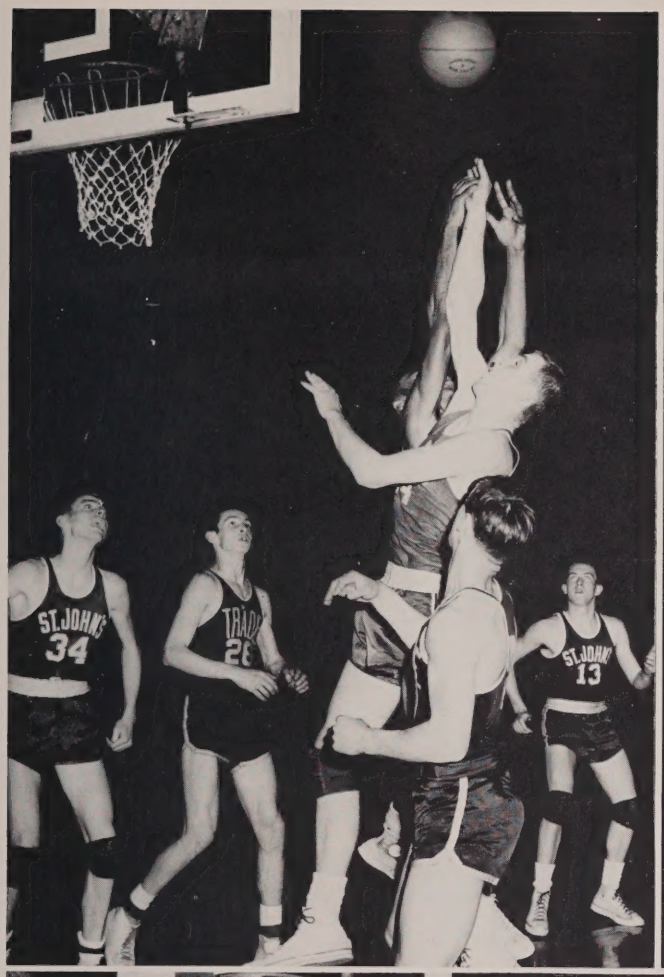
(ABOVE) Part of the St. John's cheering section at Assumption Prep.

(RIGHT) Co-captain Don Akerson goes up to follow up his shot.

(BELOW) Coach Devlin gives invaluable advice at a crucial moment.



RESERVES, (LEFT TO RIGHT), Jim Dorsey, Bill Higgins, Marty Harrity, and Bill Tatten ready and waiting for action.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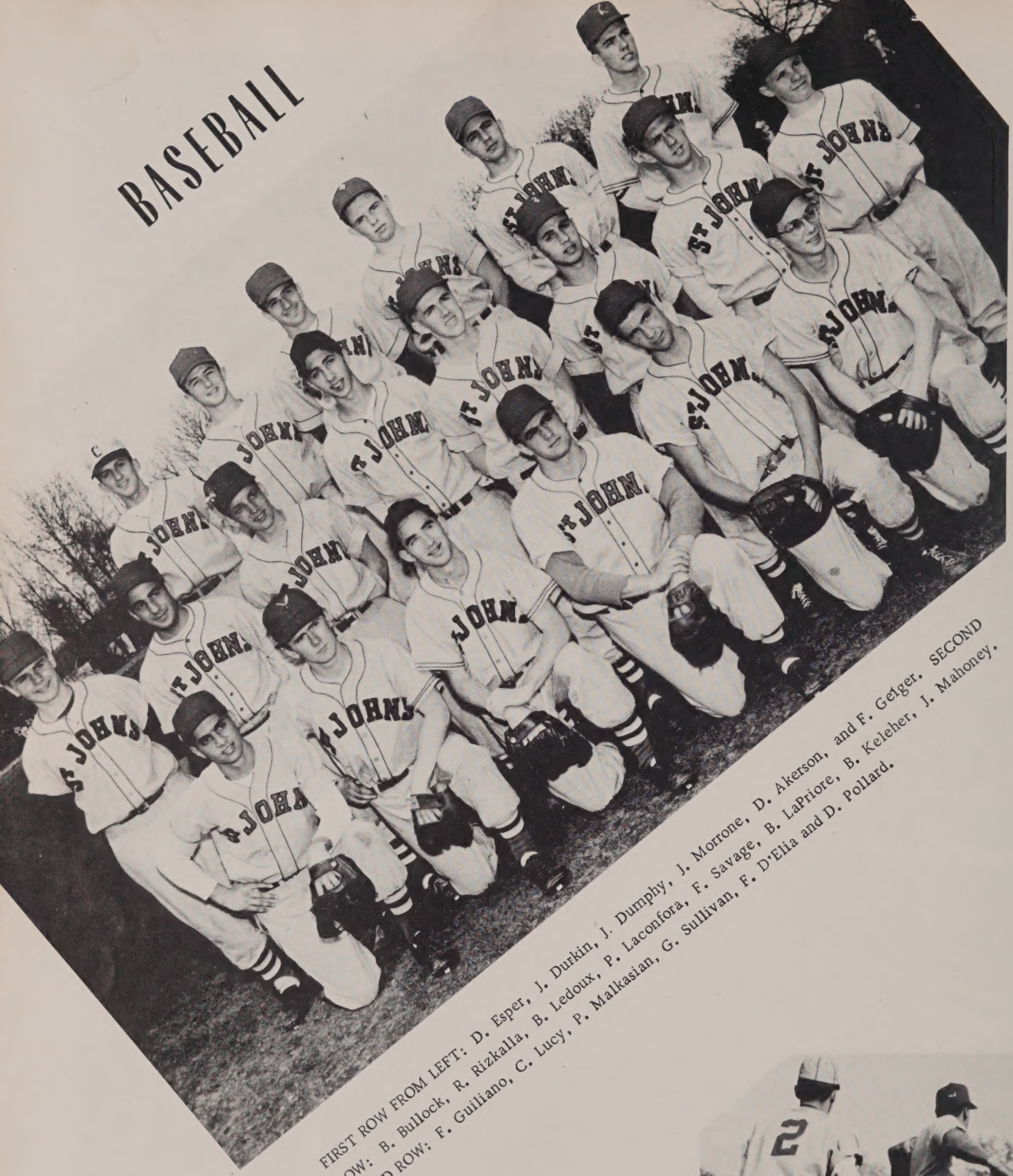
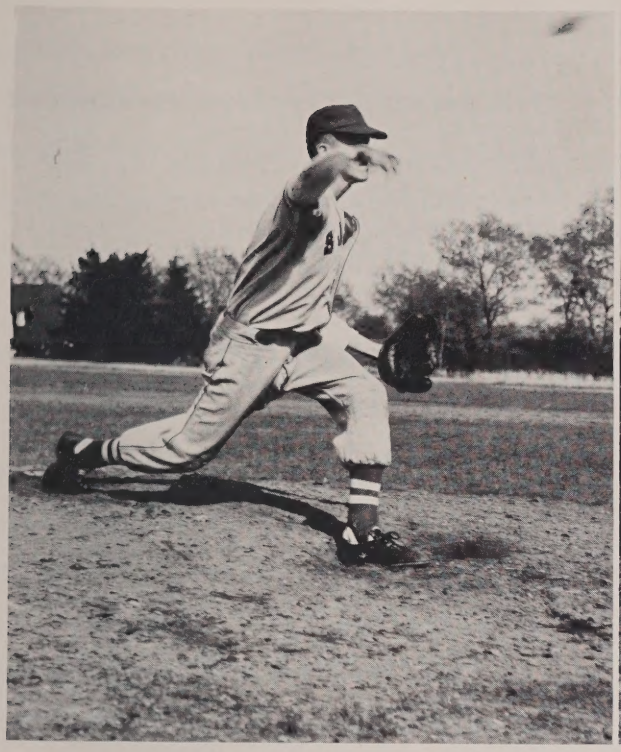
BASEBALL

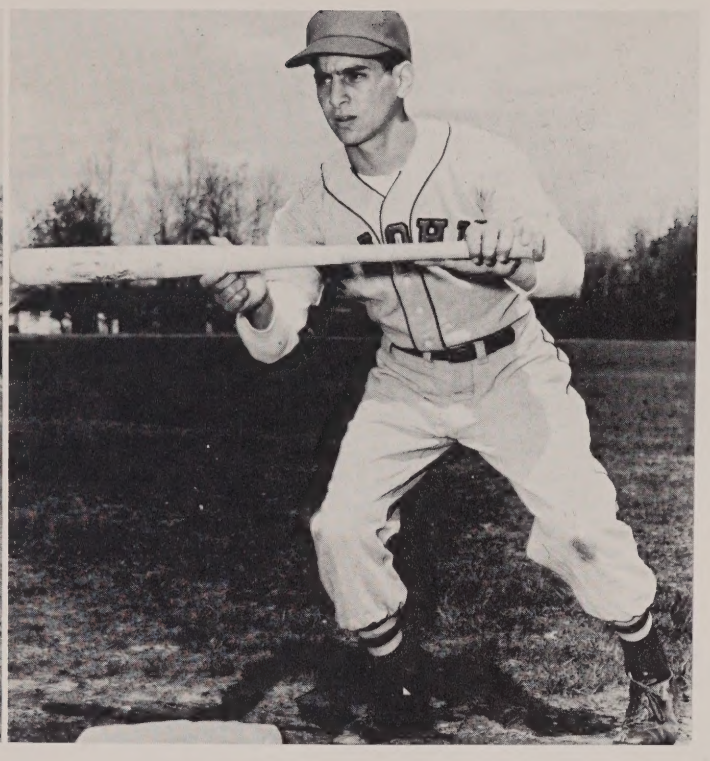


FIRST ROW FROM LEFT: D. Esper, J. Durkin, J. Dumphy, J. Morrone, D. Akerson, and F. Geiger. SECOND ROW: B. Bullock, R. Rizkalla, B. Ledoux, P. Laconfora, F. Savage, B. LaPriore, B. Keleher, J. Mahoney. THIRD ROW: F. Guiliano, C. Lucy, P. Malkasian, G. Sullivan, F. D'Elia and D. Pollard.

Co-captain Joe Morrone slashes a hit to left in the St. Peter's game.



Righthander Fran Savage was called upon to do the bulk of the pitching after Corsac's departure.



Senior Dick Esper did some clutch pinch hitting and filling-in during his only year with the team.

At a first Friday meeting in the gym just preceding the baseball season, co-captain Joe Morrone asked all that possessed ability in baseball to try out for the team.

With the loss of co-captain and ace pitcher Fran Corsac the squad suffered several humiliating defeats after a getting on to a good start. The first of these disappointments took place at the Oval when Dan Doyle hurled the Stevedores of St. Stephen's to 2-0 victory, which marked the first time a St. Stephen's varsity team had beaten St. John's in any sport. Thereafter followed an upset double victory to Assumption, a loss to the Classical nine and finally a 3-1 loss to that man again, Dan Doyle, this time at Lake Park. This last defeat was a particularly bitter one because the Pioneers were looking for revenge and let it slip out of their grasp by throwing the ball all around the infield in the seventh, an inning in which the Stevedores gained all their runs.

Despite these sour notes, the Pioneers still maintained a winning percentage, copping 7 out of 13 decisions. St. Stephen's eventually wound up with the city championship. If Corsac were with the team all year it might have been a different story.

It's thumbs down for the Trade High pitcher as Pete LaConfora makes the tag at home.

Leadoff man Jack Dumphy lets one go by against St. Peter's

Gloom settles over the Pioneer bench as a teammate fans the breeze.

But with Franny gone, the pitching fell apart at the seams and the hitters who were doing well at the plate, then began to taper off. When they had men on base, they couldn't get that needed hit. However against St. Bernard's of Fitchburg, Jack Durkin hit for the cycle, 5 hits in 5 trips-to lead a Pioneer romp.

On paper, the Devlinmen boasted the best infield in local high school circles. Three of the four men were selected as all-city 1st team members: 1st baseman Joe Morrone, shortstop Rolly Rizkalla, and 3rd baseman Don Akerson. Bob Keleher and "Buster" Bullock alternated at second with fielding sensation Frank D'Elia acting as a utility infielder. Pete LaConfora was steady behind the plate and George Sullivan left bright prospects for the future. Dave Pollard and Fran Savage did most of the pitching with Bob Ledoux coming on in spots. The pasture looked good with such ball hawks as speed merchant Fred Geiger in left; lefty John Dumphy in center and dependable Jack Durkin in right. Conny Lucy and Dick Esper did most of the pinch-hitting with the latter coming through virtually every time he was called upon. Buddy Lapriore, Jack Mahoney, Fran Guiliano, and Paul Malkasian rounded out the reserves.

It wasn't the most successful season a St. John's nine has experienced but WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!

All-city first team choice for third base, Don Akerson led the Pioneers in batting with .438 and played a steady third base. A power hitter, Don batted fifth in the lineup and cashed in many runs with his extra base wallops. He played the "hot corner" in outstanding fashion and opposing batters rarely tried to beat out a bunt down the third base line. Here Don is seen coming into third after having knocked across a run in the Trade game.

Second on the team in batting was shortstop Rolly Rizkalla. His batting average was .426. A flashy glove man at his position, Rolly made the hot smashes look easy. Because of his play afield and at bat, he was selected as all-city first team shortstop. A veteran already, Roland will be around next year to bolster the Pioneer squad.

The power man in the lineup, Joe Morrone batted cleanup and was fourth in hitting with .333. Fewer players have a greater desire to win a game than Joe, and he exhibited his feelings throughout the season. Always chattering, Joe's presence could easily be felt during any game. He handled his first base position well enough to earn him first team honors on the all-city selections. It was the second straight year that Joe was chosen. The team will miss this fiery co-captain.

HOCKEY

PUCKSTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Coach Bill Kane, co-captain Roger Jolicoeur, Paul Jolicoeur, Bob Hehir, Hal Taylor, Al Chene, Don Moran, Joe Davis, Paul Kallagher, Walt Moossa, Manager: FRONT ROW: Dick McGinness, Dick Belanger, co-captain Joe Morrone, Jack Walsh, Bob Bourget, Leo Kallio and Bob Colbert.

Something new has been added to St. John's athletic program: the first high school hockey the city has seen in many years. A total of four games was played in the newly formed Central Mass. Hockey League in which St. John's finished second with a 2-2 record. The two wins were posted against Auburn High 3-0 and 2-1 while the two defeats came as trouncings by a strong and experienced Hudson team 7-0 and 8-0.

The season was rounded out by several exhibition games with teams from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to compile an overall record of four wins, six losses and three ties.

The team showed rapid improvement by tying a highly favored Hope High of Providence 1-1 in the second game of the season after being blanked by Marblehead 5-0.

Co-captain Joe Morrone gets set to fire a loose puck back into play.

SEASON'S RECORD

St. J.		Opp.
0	Marblehead	5
1	Hope High	1
0	Wellesly	8
3	Auburn	0
0	Hudson	7
5	St. John's Prep.	6
3	Worc Tech J. V's	3
2	Auburn	3
2	Archbishop Williams	2
3	St. Peter's Informals.	1
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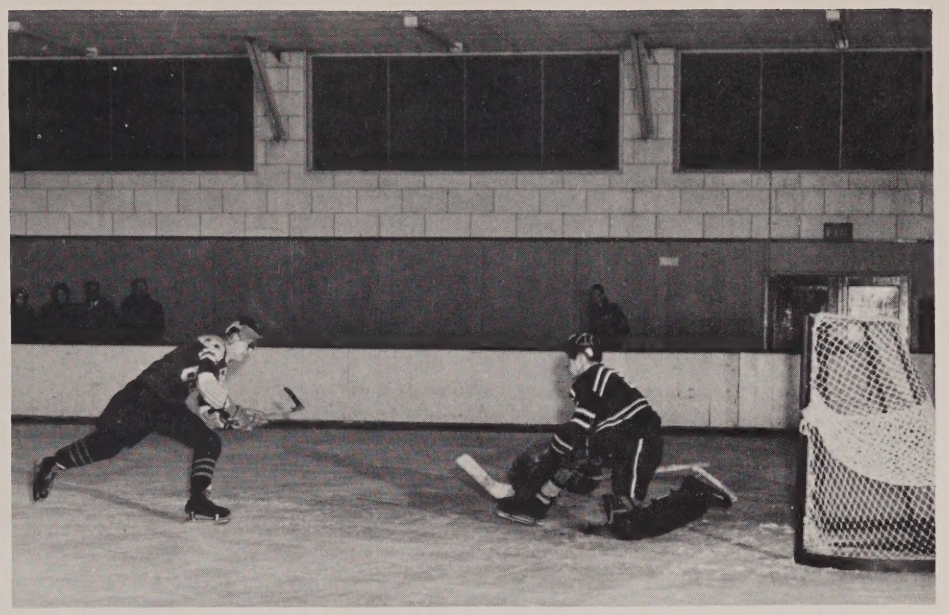

Leo Kallio goes in for a second try after his first shot was blocked by Danvers goalie.

Roger Jolicoeur and Don Moran combined to break the ice by scoring the first goal in the history of St. John's hockey. The top point-getters for the season were Bob Bourget, Leo Kallio, Joe Davis, and Bob Colbert with Joe Morrone and Dick Belanger carrying the bulk of the defense.

After a promising first season prospects are brighter for the next year since most of this year's squad will be returning.

Bob Bourget and Bob Colbert team up to keep puck in offensive zone.

The team lines up as Don Moran gets ready to face off.

Joe Davis is checked as he goes for a shot at the net.

Bob Colbert lets one fly that's going to be tough for the goalie to handle.

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A shot by Joe Davis is blocked by the skate of a St. John's Prep defenseman.

St. John's defensemen swarm over a loose puck near the net.

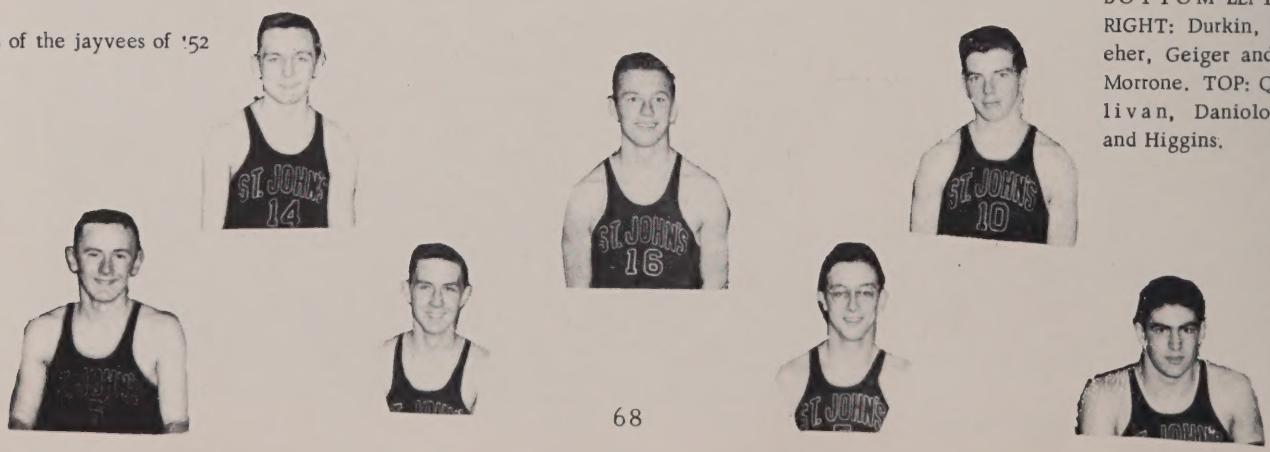
The backbone of any hockey team - its goalie. Ours- Jack Walsh.

Basketeers of the frosh in '51

BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Higgs, Arseneault, Akerson, Durkin and Taylor. TOP: Geiger, Danielowicz and Duprey.

St. John's footballers of 1953 shown receiving plaques from the Telegram and Gazette for gaining berts on the All City football squad. LEFT TO RIGHT: Ron McCrohan, Jim Garvey, Co-captain Jack Finnegan, Bill Tatten, Paul Danielowicz, Joe Morrone, and Fran Corsac.

Members of the jayvees of '52



BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Durkin, Keleher, Geiger and Joe Morrone. TOP: Quinlivan, Daniolowicz and Higgins.

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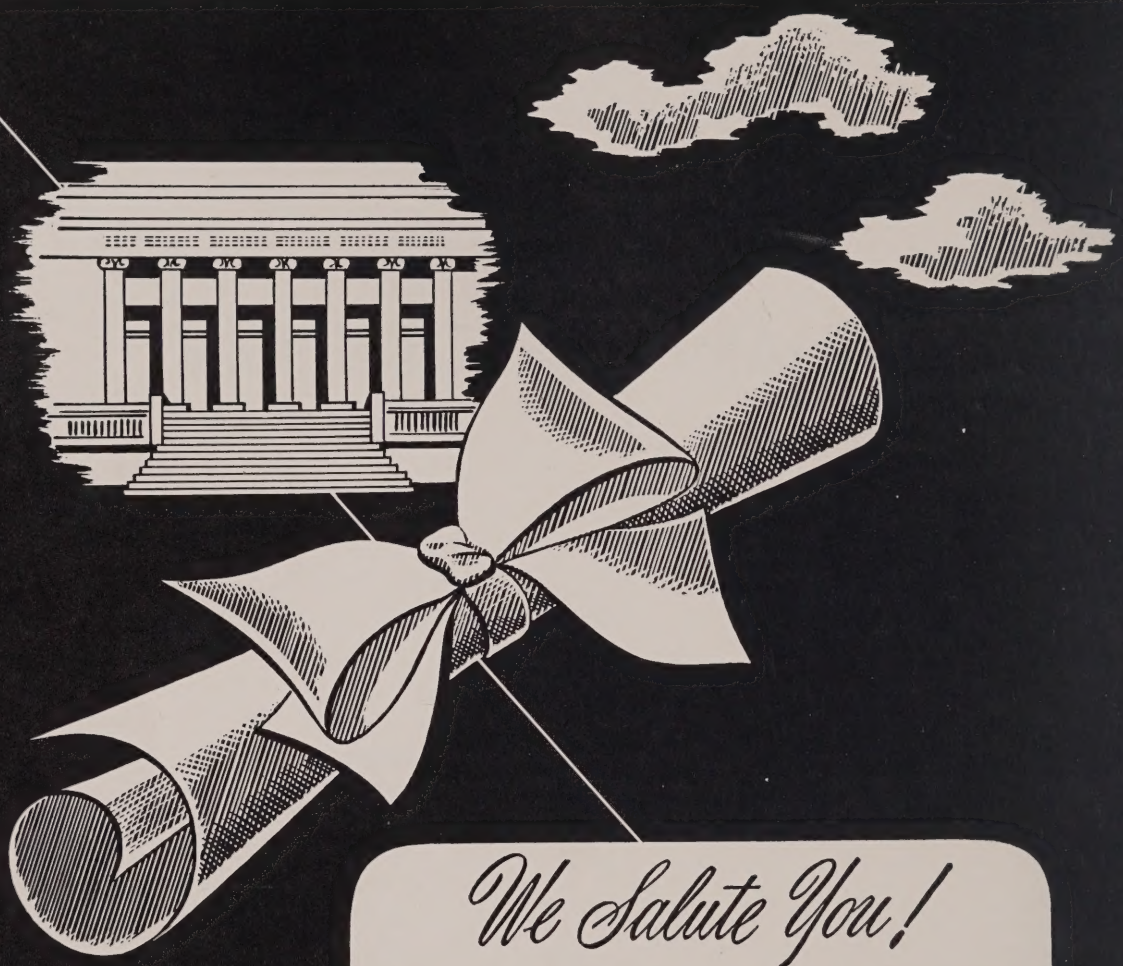

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